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REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

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THIS volume, which is dedicated to the accomplished Lady Leicester, contains a great variety of attractive matter: Poetry in all popular styles, sentimental, martial, and dramatic, for the lovers of verse; a Tale of considerable length and striking interest, for the romantic; Bons-mots, to the amount of half a hundred pages, from and for diners out of the first reputation; and an Obituary, containing brief memoirs of the most brilliant and distinguished persons who have died during the year, " to point a moral and adorn a tale the brilliant and distinguished among their survivors! If all this were well done, it must obviously form a highly amusing and interest-ing volume; and its present place in our co-lumns may be taken for satisfactory evidence of our opinion.

In a sugginct Preface it is stated that the idea of the work was taken from those plea-sant and unquestionably popular miscellanies which, under the names of "Literary Alma-" Remembrancers," " Memorias," "Muses," and a hundred other tempting titles, make the delight of the great Land of Smok ers and Metaphysicians, and compensate for the absence of the Sun.

We have already noticed some performances of the same species, and noticed them as very graceful specimens of composition and decoration. The present work, which has come out the latest, apparently for the purpose of touching upon the very verge of the New Year, is of an order on which we should be lavish of our praise, were it not that we prefer leaving our readers to judge for themselves. We have taken the following extracts merely with a view to the convenience of our columns in the selection; more or less favourable was not in question. Let the reader judge for himself here as in other points. But brevity of extract in a publication which, like ours, labours to embrace all the prominent passing topics of the literary day, is an essential. Those who lack for more, must look to the volume. The preface is headed by a little Poem, half dedicatory, half descriptive, which we first quote. The Publishers have shown good taste and good sense in the dedication of the general volume. Of course we must not allow ourselves to do more than allude to the name of the charming Lady at whose feet it is laid. But if taste in every pursuit that can embellish the female character, and the possession of every virtue that can give it personal dignity and honour, may point out an individual, there could be found no more fitting object for the respect and homage of public ability. The mention of Sir John Leicester's name in the Ballacite was due to one of the most remain Dedication was due to one of the most munificent protectors of British Art that has appeared in the age. THE GRACES.

Simplici myrto nihil allabores

I lay upon a bank with harebells strown: For now the ruddy Sun was growing pale, And here and there a star was glittering lone, And rich with odours from the blessomed vale Came slowly as a sigh the evening gale. Then all was hush'd, -but where with folded wing Above me cooed the turtle-dove her tale, And, thro' the grass, a little bubbling spring Wooed gentle Summer-sleep with its low murmuring.

But whether that sweet spot was haunted ground, Or that the world-sick fancy loves to stray Thro' regions on our weary Earth unfound; No sooner sleep upon my cyclids lay, Than seemed to light the East a lovelier day; And, lo! upon the dappled clouds afar Came winged and rosewreathed forms, that with fond play

Danced round and round a slow descending car, From which a radiance shone, richer than Sun or Star.

And from it stooped upon the flowery bank.
Three shapes of beauty; yet they were no plume.

In reverent worship at their feet I sank: 44 We come," said they, and Echo said " We come.

In sounds that o'er me hovered like perfume. "We come, The GRACES three I to teach the spell,

That makes sweet woman lovelier than her Then rose a heavenly chant of voice and shell: "Let Wit? and Wisdom! with her sovereign beauty dwell ! 2

Every Month has a poetical description. We shall exemplify them by

OCTOBER.

Then came October, full of merry glee, For yet his nowle was totty of the muste, Which he was treading in the wine yat's sea.

There are vapours on the sky, When the day-break opes its eye; There are vapours round the sun, Ere the hastening day is done; Yet, October, pale and sere, Thou to me of all the year, Now declining to its rest, Art the loveliest, sweetest, best; To the spirit's musings holy, Gentle month of melancholy. By thy noontide let me rove Deep within some ancient grove; Where the forky branches spread Like a cloister, over head, In the breeze's rustling play, Downwards let a dubious day On the beds of foliage, strown As the rich-discoloured stone Of some old cathedral sisle; When upon the giant pile, Once the glory of the land, Time and storm have stamped their brand, And from floor to fretted roof, Like a bending cloud aloof;

Every passing year doth lay Emblems of sublime decay. Then, with often pausing feet,

Let me find some mossy seat, Where upon th' emerging eye Bursts the pomp of earth and sky, Heaven in sunset splendour dyed, Valleys distant, dim, and wide; Streams, that through their verdure break Like a winding silver snake; Bays, upon whose azure breast Seem the ships in light to rest; While some central mountain's brow, Flaming in the western glow, Down whose side th' autumnal wood Sweeps a gold and crimson flood, In its ancient majesty Soars, a pillar of the sky! What to this are palaces, Where the heart is ill at ease ? Is not in this murmuring rill, Trickling from its basin chill, In this solemn whispering wind, Deeper medicine to the mind, In this lonely twilight wood, Lovelier leisure to be good,-Than ever wounded spirit found In the world's distracting round?

There is also a prose description; for instance. MAY.

" May is proverbially the loveliest month of the year. -

-The Romans named this month from Maia, the mother of Mercury, and daughter of Atlas, and one of the Pleiades. On the first of the month, they sacrificed to Maia, yet Apollo was its presiding deity.

"It was called by the Saxons Tri Milchi, from the rude but pastoral observation of the increase of milk from the springing grass.

"The Flower-garden Calendar. "In this month an enemy scarcely less formidable than the inclemency of the skies requires all the vigilance of the flower-gardener. Insects of almost every species, that had lain torpid during the winter, now come out in full appetite, and with the most extra-ordinary and subtle means for its indulgence. It is not the least advantage of Cardeniag, that it compels the mind to some knowledge of Nature—a knowledge which, rightly fol-lowed, lends the human spirit up to reverence and homage before the great Author of all

wisdom, fitness, and beauty. "The mechanism of the insect world, repulsive as its general aspects are, abounds in proofs of an invention, an exact application, of the means to the end, a variety of powers, functions, and faculties, altogether beyond the art, or even the imagination of man. The the art, or even the imagination of main. The deeper we penetrate into the inquiry, the more singular, delicate, and astonishing spens, the work of this minute creation. The most powerful microscopes only show us, that, beyond the smallest species that we can in-vestigate, there is something smaller still; that life, thought, the power of satisfying their wants, of providing for their accuracy, of passing through space with a comparative swiftness of foot, or wing, to which the most rapid
speed of the higher animals is slow, and from
time to time a lavish and oriental splendour
of ornament and colour, to which gold and
gems are pale, are to be found in creatures
that almost clude vision. It is not improbable
that this descending creation may have as
many degrees as the ascent from man to the
most glorious spirit that ministers before the
throne in Heavan; that these most specific process. throne in Heaven; that there may be creatures to whom a leaf is a world, or a drop of water an ocean. Human imagination is con-founded by such conceptions; but they may be truths to our powers cleared in a nobler state of existence, and they may be among the direct motives of the intellect risen from the grave, to offer the eternal honour of its reason and its heart to Him who has filled the heights and depths of the universe with won-

heights and depths of the universe with won-der and beauty without end." ... The Deipnosophist is the title of the facetia department. Who would expect such matters as the following dozen exhibits, under so learned and supper-ior a name? "'The Continental Governments could not

"'The Continental Governments could not go on without a Secret Police,' said one of the foreign Corps Diplomatique. 'I doubt it as a maxim,' replied an illustrious personage. 'A Secret Police may have some conve-niencies to a weak ministry, but it is an in-cumbrance to an intelligent one. A system of espionage is an acknowledgment of public incapacity; Who but the blind walk by the

"The Prince de -- attempts to reconcile two things which were never reconciled since the beginning of time—popularity and parsi-mony. At his last fête, half the wines were sour.' 'What!' said—, 'does he expect sour.' 'What!' said —, 'does he expect to make his way through the world, like Han-

to make his way through the world, like Hannibal, by vinegar?'

"'The French Revolution produced some
undoubted advantages to the people.' 'Yes;
but they paid rather too high for them,' said
an illustrious personage. 'The crew warmed
their fingers by blowing up the magazine.'

"At one of Napoleon's last superb levees,
Carnot observed, 'The miseries of France
exist only in the mouths of faction. A splendid
court makes a splendid nation.' 'Perhaps
so,' rejoined —, the Minister; 'when the
top and bottom of the hour-glass can be full
at the same time.' at the same time.

"The rumours relative to the late Queen of Holland's conduct are known. Napoleon at length grew weary of her solicitations for territory. territory. ' How many provinces will this woman want for her children?' said Napowoman want for her children?' said Napo-leon, to the most distinguished of his ministers. 'As many as your Majesty pleases.'
But how many children does she intend to have?' 'As many as your Majesty pleases,' was the answer

"Fouché and T. had quarrelled. On their next meeting, 'M. de T.' said Fouché, ' you need not triumph in your rank; under an

sion puts it out of my power to assist you. I Send out the falcons, that the sky be clear'd cannot make patients for you. Will you try Of every wandering note; I'll have all hush' the Church?' The Church was tried, and the Till not a sparrow twitter round the roof. Doctor was inducted into a valuable Kentish living. On this story's being told, 'Why,' said J.—, the barrister, 'the change after all was not extreme; he only left the Mortar for

"In a conversation on the merits of the succesive Ministers during the late war, it was observed in dispraise of Pitt, that he suffered no man of talents in the cabinet, while some of his successors adopted a more liberal system.' 'Sir,' said Sir P. Francis, in his peculiar style, 'I owed the living man no love—but I will not trample on any man in his coffin. Pitt could fear no antagonist, and therefore could want no auxiliary. Jackalls prey in packs; but who ever heard of a hunting party of lions!

"The rage for continental travelling was to topic. Lord A.— Lord B., with a crowd the topic. of other Nobles, are going to Greece direct,' said Lady D., known for Italian literature. 'Aye,' said J. the barrister, 'it is to verify

the Scripture phrase to the Greeks foolishness."
At a party at Brighton, a coterie of old ladies talked with peculiar severity of the manners of the day. Some rather direct allunamers of the day. Some rather direct allu-sions were made; Lady J—y, once the 'ob-served of all observers,' felt herself piqued; and the conversation became what the French call, interesting ! The circle deepened round the fair disputants, when some one observed a mouse running about the room. This produced alarm; and the servants were rung for to despatch the mouse. 'I insist upon its not being touched!' said her Ladyship, with a contemptions look at the group. 'I honour courage: that mouse is plainly not afraid of Cate

"So Regnault de St. Angely is gone: of what did he die?' said —, meeting one of the Chamber of Peers. 'Of a fever on the brain,' was the answer. 'Impossible! there was no foundation for the report,' rejoined —, "'The Earl of — must be rather straitened

now,' it was observed, at a table of high rank,
'with insurrection in three-fourths of his estates, and the fourth flying about in all kinds of strange ways. His revenue is, the prodigat's candle burning at both ends. 'And in the present instance, it can be no kind of consolation to him,' observed C. 'that his

consolation to him, observed ... candle had been prodigiously dipt before.'
"'Time is the great teacher, after all.
There's the D— of M—, after all his dashing, turned a pattern of domestic virtues, and all that sort of thing, said Lady J—. 'He is, I am told, grown as abstemions as a hermit.' Likely enough,' replied C—, 'the man may fairly be presumed to have done with his din-

ner, who sends away his plate."

In various parts the sweet miscellaneous poetry of a high order is introduced. We give me examples:

need not triumph in your rank; under an usurpation the greatest scoundrel may be prime minister, if he please.' 'How fortunate then for me, M. Fouché,' said T. 'that you condeacended to be Minister of Police!'

"'Do you think, Monsieur, that Bonaparte was naturally a poltron? he constantly ran away after he became Emperor.' 'No more a poltron,' said — the Minister, 'than the robber who runs away after the robbery.'

"On the accession of the Fox Ministry in 1806, Doctor —, a physician, applied to the new Chancellor for his patronage. 'My dear Sir,' said the Chancellor, 'your professions.' Your profession of the Chancellor, 'your professions' that he no more may paw the ground.

Of every wandering note; I'll have all hush'd, ! Till not a sparrow twitter round the roof, To tell me that there 's life i' the world DEATH sits, the King of all the quick and dead. And we must honour him.

(She sings.)

Come to my heart, pale Death!

Let me be laid beneath

Thicket or stone; Let no eye come to weep, Where I am laid to sleep, Sorrow's all done!"

SONG Flower of Beauty! in thy halls All is pomp and pleasure now; Music echoes round thy walls, Jewelled Nobles round thee bow Yet the one who dies for thee, Wanders on the lonely sea!

Come, sweet lute! and bid the wind Whisper in my Lady's ear,
How her image was eashrined
In my bosom's hope and fear.
So, her stately breast may prove

Some sad memory of my love! Yet, be hush'd! my Lady's cheek Ne'er shall lose the rose for me; Heavy heart | in silence break, Rather than her sorrow see.

Rather pine in cold disdain, Than be happy—in her pain. Princes for thy beauty sighed, But I scorned with them to sigh; True love has a lion's pride, It can only love, -and die! Lady sweet! thy struggling slave Finds his freedom in the grave."

THE PARTING. C'est pour mourir que la fleur vient de naître, Les feux du jour vont perdre leur chaleur. Autour de moi Je vois tout disparaître, Tout se détruit; Je garde ma douleur. Farewell! I've broke my chain at last, My boat is ling'ring on the shore; The bitterness of death is past, Nor love, nor scorn, shall wring me m I loved, how deeply loved,—ch, Heaven!
To thee, to thee the pang is known: Proud woman, be thy crime forgiven; Mine be the shame, the grief alone. The madd'ning hour when first we met, The glance, the smile, the vow, you gav The last wild moment, haunt me yet; I feel they'll haunt me to my grave. Down, wayward heart, no longer heave; Thou idle tear, no longer flow; And may that Heaven she dared deceive, Forgive, as I forgive her now. Too lovely—Oh, too loved, farewell!
Though parting reads my bosom's strings,
This hour we part:—the grave shall tell
The thought that to my spirit clings.
Thou pain, above all other pain!
Thou joy, all other joys above!
Again, again, I feel thy chain,
And die thy slave and martyr,—Lovr!

The Memoirs are brief, but spirited. We have only room for two paragraphs, from the Sketch of J. Kemble:

"While the recollection of this man is still "White the recollection of this man is still living before the general eye, it would be as idle as it would be difficult, to enter into a detail of his qualities. With the commanding figure and noble countenance of a classic hero, he had a melancholy beauty of expres-sion, and even a tone of voice, that gave the whole rich and profound sentiment of Shak-

"He might remind us of one of the 'Visions' in the Wierd Sisters' Cave, -passing away like a shadow, but crowned and scepd-the shadow of a king! and showing in his mirror the whole line that are yet to occupy the throne."

Embellishments are not numerous, but they are beautiful; and the volume altogether a very handsome and elegant holiday present.

VIE DE ROSSINI, PAR M. DE STENDHAL. (Continued from our last Number.)

THE general eagerness to know something about this celebrated *Maestro*, who a few days ago arrived in London (with his lady) to undertake the superintendence of the Opera during the approaching season, in-duced an extensive pillage by the various journals, and other publications of the Metropolis, of the passages which we last week extracted from M. de Stendhal's Life of Rossini. Rambling and incoherent as the Me-moir itself is, our extracts from it must necessarily partake of its character. If how-ever they amuse our readers, our object will

be gained, M. de Stendhal commences the second part of his work with a critical examination of the musical merits of La Cenerentola and La Gazza Ladra. Of the latter he speaks with rap-turous delight. The air in the opening of the second act of La Gazza Ladra, in which Don Magnifico tells the audience that when one of his daughters has married the Prince. good things in the shape of bribes will shower abundantly upon him, reminds M. de Sten-dhal of an incident which occurred within his own knowledge during the times of the republic in France, and which is finely illustrative of the stern integrity and modest as

surance of those times.
"Two young men, who had a great deal of business to transact with the Minister of ——, fancied that they should be able to double the quantity of fictitious accounts which they every month presented to him to sign, if they could contrive to make him an agreeable present. After having sought for some time in the neighbourhood of Paris, they at length met with a very pleasant chateau, surrounded by a pretty estate, not far from Mon**. Our young folks bought the estate, and ordered the chateau to be fitted up in the modern taste, and with all possible elegance. When every thing was complete, one of them said to the other, 'Let us enjoy a week in the chateau before we give it to the Minister.' The consequence of this brilliant thought was the speedy presence of twenty handsome women and their friends; good dinners every day, and sprightly balls every night. At length the sad termination of that period arrives. One of the friends very sorrowfully takes the keys of the chateau, and pre-sents them to the citizen Minister. "The chateau must be damp," were the only words which the Minister attered on receiving the which the latitude littles discovering the gift. 'Impossible, citizen Minister; we took the precaution of inhabiting it for a week before we offered it to you.'—" And with what kind of folks did you inhabit it?" what kind of folks did you innabit at?"—
'Faith, with very pleasant guests; with our familiar friends."—"That is to say, (replied the Minister, frowning,) you have dared to introduce women of suspicious character into my chateau. O rare piece of impertinence!
Go, citizen, and henceforward preserve more

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respect for a minister." At these words the contractor vanishes, and the citizen minister orders his horses that he may visit his estate." There is whim even in Rossini's malice, if

the following anecdote be true:

"When Rossini composed La Gazza Ladra, he was embroiled with Galli, his happy rival with La M.... Knowing that Galli, in the middle of his very beautiful voice, had two or three notes which he could take correctly if he passed quickly over them, but which he sung out of tune when he was obliged to pause upon them, Rossini did not fail to contrive a recitative, in which Galli was com-pelled to dwell upon the identical notes which he was unable to sing accurately."

The best of the joke however was, that Galli, piqued at the circumstance, obstinately refused to transpose those notes in the per-formance, which he might easily have done; the consequence of which was that his own reputation was impaired. Some time afterwards, however, Rossini was softened, and wrote for Galli an air suited to his voice.

M. de Stendhal contrasts the indifference of the French with the susceptibility of the Italians in musical matters, and thus, we think

happily, accounts for it:

Every body whom you meet in Paris exhibits the amusing picture of some slight shade of emotion. In men of forty years of age it is generally egotism; in young fellows, military affectation; in women the wish to please. Never do you see the direct expression of ennui; that would be ridiculous in Paris, Sometimes you may observe a little illhumour, but seldom or never gloomy passions. In Italy ennui is too often produced by the absence of sensations. The French therefore carry to the theatre a soul worn out during the day by a thousand emotions; the Italian of Parma or Ferrara a virgin soul, which has been unmoved throughout the day, but which is nevertheless capable of the most powerful feelings. Italians in the street despise the passers-by, or do not see them; French are anxious for their esteem. The Parisian, from the moment that he goes out in the morning, enters into a hundred affairs, and experiences a hundred little operations upon his sensi-bility. Since the fall of Napoleon nothing disturbs the death-like tranquillity of a small Italian town. This appears to me to be the philosophical reason of the extraordinary success of music beyond the Alps, but never in France. Not only is there more fire in Italian souls, but that fire is economised. In France we have ten kinds of amusement for our evenings; in Italy there is but one-Music. People run to a celebrated piece in Paris to judge and to talk of it; not to be trans ported, or to burst into tears, as at Milan.

M. Stendhal indulges in some further hard hits at his countrymen, in a chapter from which the following passages are extracts:

"In France nothing that has been generally received on the subject of music is relinquished. except by little and little. I admire to-day what I admired yesterday; otherwise of what should I talk to-morrow? What changes have taken place in other respects during the last five and twenty years! One class only re-mains tumoved, in order to console the na-tional pride; it is the audience at the Opera-The singing there is as bad as it was sixty years ago. The French orchestra, which

parchment of our brave forefathers, it is frightened to death leaf it should begin too softly, and despises nice gradations of sound as indicative of a want of vigour. The phy-sical part of musical talent has doubtless improved; but the moral part (if I may so express myself) remains the same. Rossini express myser remains the same. Rossum is about to pass through Paris on his way to London. We shall see our symphonists disputing with him respecting the time of pieces of his own composition, and pretending to know it better than he does. Musical science inundates us, but musical feeling has run dry. I am overwhelmed with young prodi-gies of ten years and a half old, who perform concertos; but all the best violin players of the orchestra cannot execute the accompani-ment of the duet in the Armide. Mechanism improves, but art decays. It was not until nine years after Rossini had been the delight of Italy, and of a great part of Germany, that Le Barbier de Seville made him known at Paris."

Nor does England escape without a sneer, but it is of another description:

" From respect for the Bible they have not dared to represent Moise in London at the Italian Opera. With the music of Moise they have constructed a Pierre l' Ermite. This attempt pleases me. I hope they will make tolerable libretti for four or five of Rossini's operas, the actual incidents of which are as absurd as they are repulsive to the imagination. It is difficult to meet with a page in the thirty literary journals of England which is not sanctified by some allusion to the Bible. What shall I say of Mr. Irving? It is impossible that there could be such a being in France, even at Toulouse." Operas, the actual incidents of which are as

Rossinl's Opera of Moise was brought out t Naples in 1818, and received with enthusiasm, with the exception of the passage of the Red Sea, in the third act, which was so unskilfully managed by the machinist as invariably to excite general laughter. M. Stendhal relates the following occurrence as having taken place just before the commencement of the second season of this Opera:

"The day before that on which Moise was "The day before that on which Moise was to be represented, one of my friends called, about noon, on Rossini, who, as usual, was lounging in his bed, and giving andience to about a dozen friends; when, to the great amusement of all, appeared the poet Totola (the author of the Opera,) who, without saluting any body, cried out, "Maestro! Maestro! I have saved the third act."—"Aye? Whet the devil canst then have done my What the devil canst thou have done, my poor friend? Depend upon it they will sneer at us as usual."—'Muestro, I have made a prayer for the Hebrews before, the passage of the Red Sea.' Upon this the next days. of the Red Sea.' Upon this the poet draws from his pocket a bundle of papers, and gives them to Rossini, who sets himself to decipher them to Rossin, who sets himself to decipher some scrawls on the margin of the principal one. While he is reading, the poet salutes the company smilingly all round, every me-ment repeating in an under tone of voice, "Massiro, I wrote it in an hour." Rossini stares at him: "You wrote it in an hour, ch?" The poor poet, trembling, and appresending some wicked jest, shrinks into a nat-shell, forces a laugh, and looking at Rossini, replies, 'Yes, Signor; yes, Signor Massro.'—
"Well, if thou hast taken an hour to write years ago. The French orchestra, which always fancies itself the first orchestra in the a quarter of an hour." At these words Rosworld, can no more execute a crescende of Rossini's at the present day than it could at table in his shirt, and composes the masic of that time. Faithful to the ears lined with at most, without any piano, and while the conversation is corrying on among his friends in a loud tone of voice, as is the usage of the country; aften which he dispatches Totola, jumps into hed again, and joins in the general laugh at the scared look of the poet."

The success of this prayer when it was next day performed, was transcendent. We have already mentioned the effect which the physician Cottougno declared that it had on number of young and susceptible females.

The following are the remarks which M. de Stendhal makes on the insufficient pecuniary recompense which Rossini received for his talents in Italy, on the superior advantages in that respect which he would have enjoyed in France, and on the much more than counterbalancing injury which he would have sustained in other respects from any long-continued residence in the latter country;

" Moise was the first of Rossini's Operas for which he was remunerated in a proper manner. He got 4200 francs by it. Tancrède paid him only 600 francs, and Otello a hundred louis. The custom in Italy is, for a piece of music to remain for two years the property of the impresario, who employed the composer of it; after which it becomes that of the public. It is in consequence of this absurd law that the music-seller, Ricordi, of Milan, has enriched himself by Rossini's Operas, while the composer of them was left in poverty. Far from deriving an annual income from his Operas, as would have been the case in France, Rossini is obliged to have recourse to the complaisance of the impresarj, if during the first two years he wishes to produce his works in any other theatre than that for which they were composed; and besides, this repetition of them affords him no benefit.

"There can be no doubt that in three days Rossini could prepare an Opera for the Fey-deau, well filled with music (eight or nine pieces.) He has been often advised to come to France, to recast the music of all the Comic Operas of Sédaine, d'Hèle, Marmontel, and other good writers who have introduced dramatic effect into their works. In six months Rossini would have made a fortune of two hundred louis a year, a sum which would have been important to him before his marriage with Mademoiselle Colbrand. In other respects the advice to come to Paris was detestable. Were Rossini to live six years among us, he would become only a common man. He would have three more crosses, much less gaiety, and no genius. His mind would lose its elasticity. 'The Life of Goëthe,' written by himself, and especially 'The His-tory of the Expedition of Champagne,' show what men of genius gain by coming near courts. Canova refused to live at that of Napoleon. At Paris, Rossini would have had continual intercourse with the court; but, poor Italian artist as he is, he has a hundred poor trainan artist as he is, he has a numered times more dignity in his manner of thinking, as well as of just pride, than Goëthe, the celebrated philosopher. In his eyes a prince is only a man invested with magisterial duties more or less elevated, of which he acquits himself more or less well.

"It would be required in France that Rossini should be a man of repartée, a pleasing man with the ladies, nay, perhaps a politician. In Italy, society has allowed him to be only one thing-a musician. A black waistcoat, a blue coat, and a cravat once a day, is a cos-tume which he would not abandon to be presented to the greatest princess in the world.

Such a barbarism does not prevent him from being very welcome in Italy, among the ladies. In France they would call him a bear.'

M. de Stendhal maintains, that powerful feeling is indispensable to a relish of music as well as of all the fine arts. He contends, that those who are passionately fond of bad music. are nearer good taste than wise persons who love with good sense, reason, and modera tion, the best music that ever was composed. This position he thus illustrates:

"Canova used to show a little writing of eight lines, the translation of expressions of astonishment and enthusiasm which some years ago fell from an American savage, who for the first time saw a representation of the human head in the shape of a barber's block, with a wig upon it. The modesty of Canova, who was the most mild and simple of human beings, prevented him from adding what we will tell for him. A man of taste, on seeing Canova's sublime group of Venus and Adonis, at Naples, in which the great sculptor has represented the goddess agitated by a fatal presentiment while she is bidding the last farewell to her lover, who is going to the most delicate taste, on contemplating this admirable master-piece of the most divine grace and the most refined sentiment, expressed himself precisely in the same terms as the American savage had done with respect to the barber's block! It is thus evident that rapturous admiration of works of art never proves any thing but the capa-bility of feeling in the man who admires, and not the degree of merit in the thing admired."

The facility with which some modern singers imitate the dexterity of a skilful player on the violin, and the importance which they attach to this mechanical faculty, are severely censured by M. de Stendhal, who places Madame Catalani in this class, and adds, certainly with injustice, "But heaven forgot to place a heart in the neighbourhood of that divine throat."

Although, as we have already observed, most enthusiastic admirer of Rossini, Mons. Stendhal thinks that his present, which he calls his second manner of composition, is inferior to his first. This he attributes to Rossini's having been induced by the richness of the ornament with which Velluti, the great singer at Milan, decorated his part in L'Aureliano in Palmira, thenceforward to write the fioriture of his compositions himself, and thereby to limit the exercise of the singer's spontaneous taste; and also to the necessity under which he felt himself, while at Naples, of consulting the defects of Mademoiselle Colbrand's voice in his compositions.

Several chapters of M. de Stendhal's work are devoted to a very interesting analysis of the powers of Madame Pasta, of whom he speaks with the greatest admiration. But we are extending this article too far; and must content ourselves with extracting from the remainder of the second volume, and without farther comment, a few farther passages, chiefly consisting of anecdotes of Rossini:

"I have known Rossini faint inconsequence of hisses. That was much for a man apparently so indifferent, and besides so sure of his own merit. It was at the first represen-tation of the Donna del Lago, an Opera founded on a bad poem by Walter Scott."

But we must postpone our conclusion yet

another week.

The Spacwife; a Tale of the Scottish Chronicles. Bythe Author of Annals of the Parish, &c. &c. 12mo. 3 vols. Edinburgh, Oliver & Boyd; London, Whittakers. 1823.

This historical Tale, truly said to be founded on old Scottish Chronicles, is from the prolific pen of Mr. Galt; an author, the inequalities of whose productions are fully as obvious as their numbers. The Spaewife does not belong to that class in which his talent is most happily displayed ;- that class which pictures the habitudes of the middle and lower orders of Caledonian domestic life, interspersed with brief descriptions of natural scenery, and enriched with the remarks of an observant and acute mind, whether in gentle touches of pathos, or in slight strokes of satirical humour. These are the qualities which made the Annals of the Parish so deservedly popular; their absence it is which renders Ringan Gilhaise and the present publication so heavy and tedious. Involved in the dry details, and obscured in the remote clouds of ancient history, Mr. G. brings no remarkable accessories into the field to excite curiosity, inspire interest, or develop manners. On the contrary, there is not one character in the present novel about whose fate the reader can ever care an iota: they are all merely fantoccini figures, and whether they pass the bridge or flounder in the flood, whether they drown, hang, or are wedded, are decisions which we dare say never molested the spirit of him who wrote, and never will molest the spirit of any who peruse these volumes. In short, they are severally exe-cuted or otherwise disposed of, so that they do vanish, and the most perfect indifference attends their respective fates: apathy is sorely infectious

We believe the author to have grounds for the extravagant human fiction of the Spaewife, alias Anniple o' Dunblane; and he has not failed to go as far as he could with the part; for Anniple is not only endowed with ubiquity and prophecy, but with very wonderful powers of action in the mundane councils of kings and conspiracies of nobles. She is, in one word, supernatural; and a really supernatural Being is a bad agent in a historical novel.

Another of the most remarkable features of the tale is the style in which it is written. Because the story is old, the author seems to have thought that his language should be equally antiquated. This we think is a mistake. Quaintness and barbarous phraseology, instead of being appropriate, are deformities in any modern book; unless it can be shown that the English tongue, instead of being im-proved in richness and force, has been deteriorated within the last four centuries. thousand therefroms, wherefroms, therebys, whilks, whereofs, thereats, &c. &c. are in our judgment any thing but improvements. But there is still greater error in coining words of no meaning, and in employing uncommon words in meanings which do not belong to them. Thus, Mr. G. talks of a king's " molestation of mind" when a rebellion is announced; of that "temerarious" rebellion's causing "me lestation throughout the realm; of subjects "already rehearsed," &c. &c. till the repeti-tions become tiresome and offensive. We do not like to censure (especially so able a writer) thus decidedly; but we trust that the effect of a few collected examples will induce him to pause on the adoption of a similar Babylonish dialect in future.

Thus did their progenitor, while intending justice and atonement, work out against his own offspring a machination of prerogafive fraught with the seeds of irremediable the everlasting change from one set of actors,

"Those weak qualities, however, which amounted to vices in his public faculties. - -

"He had a mouth that was as a penance in a charnel-house to behold, and there was an altogetherness of horror and simplicity about the lad very strange and dismal to see.

"Then you do think that this same Spacwife, whereof we were discoursing, may possess the power of discerning what is coming to pass, though, as the Earl says, she lacks in the concord of the ordinary senses? - -

" As if to vindicate the equivocation done to his reval birth and knightly bravery.

The boat rushed before the wind, as if it had been instinct, with eagerness to reach her port. sometimes look aghast, and marvel why a celibacions man and learned clerk should think and chat so fidgingly of such gregarious pleasantries and recreations.

When the Lord James and the Countess of Ross met, as rehearsed, on the verdant banks of the lively flowing Leven. Seeing their meeting afar off from the opposite hills, and wondering at the apparition of such an assemblage.

After some interchange of courtesies becoming their respective conditions, and made Rexible by their relationship and his Majesty's favour. -

"From this sorrowful syncope she was, however, speedily recovered by the baptismalry of cold water. - -

" Among other events that came to pass, about the epoch of these things whereof recital has been made, was the voluntary departure of the disconsolate Duchess of Albany from Tantallon, to the summer lodge on Inchmurrin in Lochlomond, the only pendicle that she could be moved to accept of all the princely earldom of her ancestors."

We put it to the writer's own consideration. if a narrative, of the tenor of which these are fair samples, can be as acceptable as one of less affectation, such as belongs to the present period, and not a jargon of biblical construction, old chronicle phrascology, and modern anachronisms. And if this be correct touching the general style, the language of the best drawn personage in the tale (Glenfruin, a highland chief and thief) is almost unintelli-He thus addresses the Duchess of Albany:

"Sowlls and podies! will it pe te Laidie Tooches. And is't a to-be-surely that ye'll pe a coose o' te water, sitting on te stone al py yoursellanerly, miLaidie Tooches-Oomph. - -

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"And we will pe tooing tat, curse talk me put we will, my Laidie Tooches, and te laad Nigel, hur nain la'ful pegotten, a praw craiter is te laad Nigel; will na he pring te boat frae te ferry—comph. Put, sowlls and podies! mi Laidie Tooches, and what for pe your Crace come here? Ah; te King's judifications! oomph. -

"Pe pleasured, mi Laidie Tooches, to make your commodity in the poat. Nigel, I say Nigel, ye ashypet teevil, will ye no pe spreading your plaid for her Crace, and tis oold madam, her maiden?"

This is very good and characteristic, but we are sure cannot be understood on this (if, which we doubt, on the other) side of the Tweed.

Yet is our catalogue of blame incomplete:

and from one chain of events to others, is a marked defect in the conduct of this Novel. In other respects it may be briefly described as adhering with tolerable fidelity to the history of those rude and unhappy times when a regicide of bloody atrociousness was preceded by the struggles of a barbarous nobility, the executions of many high persons, and a display of all those fierce passions in the high, lawlessness in the low, and ignorance and brutality in the entire mass which deformed Scotland for centuries.

How well Mr. Galt could employ some of the materials furnished by the epoch, and work them into beauty, the following miscellaneous selections (for we will not go into any details) may serve to show. A legend of superstition is thus related:

"Diriton being very vogie of his brave garb, shewed it to his lady, pressing the doublet into fitting as he gambolled in his jocularity with her, when suddenly the prentice, who was so standing by with the shears in his hand, having no respect to the Earl's degree, cried, 'For God sake! put off that coat, as ye wish to live. Oh! lady, as ye love my Lord, let it never be on him!'

" What for would ye not have me to wear this gallant coat?' replied Dirlton, marvelling at the wild creature's panic; 'I never had a braver on my shoulders.' But the poor ashy-faced boy slunk away behind his master, for

the mystical spirit had left him. "The lady was, however, frightened, and going towards the lad, craved to know wherefore he had made such an unearthly outcry and, after a time, the trembling thing declared that he saw a bloody dirk sticking in the skirt of the surcoat. On hearing which, the Lady Dirlton controlled her Lord to put it from him, and he gave it to Sir David de Hepburne; and the very next night, when Sir David was going from the castle to North Berwick, in the glimpse of the setting moon, some secret enemy of the Earl stabbed him in the side; aye, just where the tailor's prentice thought he saw the bloody rent o' the visionary dagger."

Of the author's powers in pathos the fol-lowing is a proof. Anniple is being consulted as an oracle by Robert Stuart:

" Before he had left the hovel ten or twelve aces, she started out, and drawing the blanket-mantle close around her with one hand, she ran after him, and seized him by the skirt of the surcoat with the other, addressing him with a soft and earnest solicitude.-

There's a cross and cloud in thy lot, Robin Stuart, There's a light in a bower to beguile, Robin Stuart; There's death ane and three, - and a ship on the sea; But the flower in the ha' I would fain wise awa, For the dule it will bring upon thee, Robin Stuart."

The slow and tender pathos with which she delivered this mystical jargon, moved him to regard her with a compassionate contrition, and he said, with much gentleness in his voice 'Poor thing; it is ill to redd thy ravelled fancies; but I will order thee to be better heeded hereafter.'

"' It's kindly thought and softly said,' re-plied Anniple; 'but who should care for me? When the fairies made me up o' a benweed, and laid me among the tow for the weaver's wife's bonny lassie bairn, I was a thing made to suffer aversion. Therefore it is that all Christian creatures hate me ;—that folks flee frae the sight o' me; - that wives draw in their

-that I maun eat beans frac the sliawp, and corn frae the stalk;—that the wicked rale pursues me, and the cruel hall pelts me; that the cold wind bites me, and the fireflaughts flash on me." There was a wee white lambie playing beside its motrier, on a bonny green knowe. It was an innocent thing, and I thought it looked kindly at me, which never man nor womankind had done; but when I gaed to warm it in my arms, it too was frightened, and ran bleating away. All living creatures see and ken, that I'm a thing the holy Heavens had no hand in the making o'. I wish that the weaver's wife's wean were dead in the fairy-land, that I might lie on the loan what I am, a weed to be trampled on.'

Stuart was melted to sadness by the wailing simplicity of this complaint of her abject estate.

The bagpipe music is whimsically but originally illustrated:

"When the Lord James entered, preceded by the Bishop, and followed by the chieftains, there was, for joy, a skirling and screaming of bagpipes, dreadful to hear and wonderful to tell, as if the vehement pipers had each aneath his arm some desperate beast of prey, in the pangs and anguish of being squeezed to death."

The Countess's moralizing on the sack of Dumbarton is an unsuccessful attempt at style; and we prefer the following picture of the heroine, when the Duke of Albany, his two

sons, and the Earl of Lennox, are doomed:
"In the meantime, Sibilla had retired into the obscurest corner of the chamber and sat down; but, though thirsting to know the doom of the prisoners, her will was fettered as with the incubus of the nightmare, and her spirit appalled with fantasies more dismal than the unblest imaginings of a guilty con-science, and she remained as still as an alabaster effigy on a tomb.

"In this woeful state, she heard a universal rustle from the multitude, as if a sudden gale had passed over the leafy boughs of a wide forest: the light of a torch from the court below then flashed against the ceiling of the room. A low and smothered noise and whispering arose, and a sound of many feet moving slowly onward. She listened—at that mo-ment the tolling of a bell made her start from her seat-she rushed to the window-she could discern nothing distinctly, but there were torches, and soldiers, and spears glimmering, and here and there a face fearfully brightened by the glare of the torches. Yet she could see that all was moving forward, like the waters of the river's tide in the darkness and solemnity of the night. And anon she beheld, in the gloom, a sullen and terrible form walking alone, as if eschewed by all, and his arms were bare to the shoulder, and he carried a gleaming axe. Then came a youth of a noble air and haughty carriage, whom she soon discovered to be the Lord Alexander. He, too, was alone; and the soldiers that lined the way followed him with admiring eyes as he passed. The next that came was Duke Murdoch, leaning on the arm of Bishop Wardlaw; and they passed, and then there was a void for some time; but soon a mournful breathing of compassion was heard, and the guards fell backward, and turned aside their heads to shun the sight that was coming. Sibilla darted towards it a fearfud momentary glance, and she saw an old a = palsied hand, bearing a crucifix, coming totteringly forward.-It was the aged Earl of weans and shut their doors when I gang by; Lennox, accompanied by a priest, whose arm

^{*} For instance, the terrible outlaw Græme, in one place says his fate is like that of a " poacher," -a poscher, in the time of James 1. !!

he grasped for support, as with feeble and faltering steps he passed slowly along.

"Sibilla was so melted by the sad sight, that she wrung her hands, and ran into the farthest corner, of the chamber and wept. And when the violence of this grief abated, she returned to the window; and opened the casement, and listened with an eager ear. All was silent—then a low murmuring rose from the multitude beyond the walls—again there was a guiden silence, and then she heard the fall of a heavy stroke. An awful moan followed, and the cchoes that dwell in the abbey-craigs, and in the valley and the cliffs of Demiet, sullenly responded to the sound. Then a dreadful voice made proclamation of some terrible event, but the tenour mation of some terrible event, but the tenour thereof she could not hear, nor was there any

response.

"The bell tolled again, and again there was silence, and a second stroke fell more heavily than the first, and the dreadful voice

again made proclamation.

"Again the bell tolled, and then there was a rushing sound as of parting waters, in the midst of which Sibilla heard the death-axe fall a third time; but when the voice of the executioner began again to make proclama-tion, a shrick so wild, so howling, and so full of sorrow, arose from the multitude, that she felt as if the very earth shuddered at the sound, and, swinging powerless from her hold, sank to the floor in a swoon."

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"The anguish of that grief, however, soon subsided into the melancholy calm which had become almost the habitude of her mind, and the sat down on a rock cleek by the state. become almost the nationale of her mind, and she sat down on a rock close by the brim of the lake, and, resting her cheek on her hand, awaited the return of her errander. There was indeed a soft and consolatory spirit abroad over all nature at that time, and its soundless tranquillity was in unison with the meditations of the weary heart.

"The day was grey, still, sober, and mild, without sunshine or shower; the winds were asleep, and almost also the waters;—the birds were mute, but not with sullenness, and they shook the crystalline drops from the impearled leaves, as they busily pruned their wings, like gentle villagers preparing for church in the holiness of the Sabbath morning. The skies were not darkened with any cloud, but the tain tops were hid in a resting mist, that hung like a canopy, lowered almost to the tufty hills of the little islands in the lake. It was a morning, when the lowing of cows and the bleating of lambs heard afar off, mingling with the bark of the shepherd's dog, seem tuned and musical;—when doves coo on the window-sills of the solitary maiden, who never listened to any other note of love, and who feeds them with crumbs treasured from her frugal supper;—when daisies lift not their golden eyes, but hang their heads, as if drowsy with some delicious excess;—when bees pass from bloom to blossom in silence; —when the dumb butterfly, that never spreads his wing but to the sup his wing but to the sun, rests as quiet as the pea-flower on its stalk under the leaf that he has made his canopy;—and when the voice-less snall, in his satin doublet, stretches his eyehorns from side to side on the dewy sward, as if he wist not where to taste first, like a sable-vestured clerk at a banquet: in sooth, grimalkin, looking out at the cottage door, and fain to pass to her luir beneath the bushes, Of sorrows deeply treasured at her heart,

often puts forth her foot to feel if indeed the soft air be too moist for her furred delicacy."

It is to be lamented that an author who can reach this quality, should ever write for quantity.

Tears for Pity. By W. Barrett Marshall. 8vo.

pp. 162. London 1823. Cadell.
Perhaps Genius never takes a shape more strange and crude than it does in the first conceptions of a young poet: a vain, delicate, and irritable feeling,—how much experience is required to check its vanity, and how much study to prune its luxuriance. Mr. Marshall's production has the faults and beauties of a first work: not one of its ten sketches but is an interesting, nay, an affecting subject; yet not one of them but is disfigured by strange expressions, phrases absolutely absurd, and words any thing but poetical. At every page we feel anxious to remind the writer, that the Muses are like other pretty women, utterly spoilt by affectation. Mr. M. has, however, corn enough in his bushel to make us think that parting the chaff from the grain will be no unprofitable task. To begin with the chaff, which we shall set in a heap by itself as an example: what opinion would be formed of a poet whose specimens were all like formed of a poet whose specimens were all like the following passages?—such as "Beauty's skeleton," "In pain's grief drapery," or "A grave where cannibals vermicular await," "Hair, made curl by hand of love," "Christ on his amber throne," "One curl like solstice on his amber throne," "One curl like solstice at the pole," (alluding, we suppose, to the late fashion of one love-lock in the middle of the forehead,) "A fondness brimming mother,"
"So cowelled like a countenance," "Death "So cowslip like a countenance," "Death king Anthropophagus," &c. &c. These are not "the silver-voiced tones of poetry," with "most harsh discord." But, worst of all, is the frequent use of surgical terms and descriptions: his bero and heroine are very subject to atrophy and epilepsy; such ana-tomical descriptions as, in speaking of one who cut his throat,

Across his throat, from ear to ear, did yawn; And these again by other wounds divided, Wounds, measuring the length from chin to bres Of his fine, fleshy neck;—his gaping throat Voided with ev'ry breath thick clots of blood, While o'er his lips the stain'd saliva flow'd,

Life left his corpse—he fainted—and had died But for the Surgeon's saving hand, who stay'd The unnatural progress of the wayward streams, Unto their native homes confining them. That Surgeon, young but gentle-hearted, drew O'er each divided channel tighten'd cord; Inclin'd the head, and fasten'd on the chest, Then clos'd the gaping jaws of each wide w

And again, in the narrative of two boys shockingly mutilated in the explosion of a powder magazine, one of whom has his arm amputated in vain. Surely these are not subjects for poetry to revel in, but at once evidence of false taste and false feeling. But evidence of raise taste and raise reeling. But enough of the disagreeable part of a critic's office has been performed; we have done as the perplexed husband in the Spectator ad-vises, left our aweetmeats till the last: we shall at first select a phrase, a line, one single epitaph, and our minstrel has many, the very breatings of true poetry. Speaking of a dving girl dying girl,

Whose rebel heart pulse is her only plaint,

Darting in death an anxious look at life. Oh death, off courted, never loved!

Our limits will not admit of our quoting any of the sketches at full length; but we will take the commencement of one, the subject a dying painter, whose constitution has sunk beneath the wild and voluptuous pleasures in which his genius has sought excite-

Behold that youth, in mind's idolatry Bent o'er creations of the pencil art: Languid and sunk his eyes; the painter's fire, Erewhile their tenant, dwells no longer there, To light things present to posterity! Sick Melancholy o'er his wasted cheeks Hath spread her livid image; and his frame, Lank, low, and wan, a grave's similitude, Is leaning o'er the portrait of a scene So wild and fearful, ev'n Salvator's self Might deem its wild sublimity his own! Look on that scene-'tis one which from a dream Of golden glory, one effulgent morn Fancy made captive to her pallet, spread With ev'ry dye in exhalation's bow; It tells a tale a poet's eye might love To live upon.

There in its front, a man Strives to control the steed he is astride, Which now is plunging mad, with champing mouth Foam-fill'd, and nostrils wide with energy; Seeming resolv'd from its degraded back To toss its gallant rider o'er the cliff ome paces forward, of a drunken rock, Whose rugged front, precipitous, gives birth To thousand cataracts, which headlong bound Unsteady, o'er one crag unto another

Behind the horseman, from a forest's gloom, The sable hues of whose inhabitants Heighten the picture's terrible romance;— As 'twere, to light the wand'rer to his grave! A star-beam sparkles—or 'tis but, perhaps The ray of some night taper in the wood, Glimmering like the vista gleam of hope Too late to save, but not too late to glad.

Around—above—clouds, here with Æthiop face, There with the thunders they embowel, re Through one, in livid forks, the lightnings dart, Wrapt in another, the cold, callous moo Smiles on the horrors opening to her sight!
As I have seen, a wretch, pride styleth Man, Cast on his brother man the harrowing look Of apathy, which curses all it meets, Ry'n while that brother was about to die! And so I've witness'd Avarice wear the smile Of bitter scorn; while Genius on a rack Implor'd a tear! and mark'd, expose that smile, Joy's brazen counterfeit! to damn the fall'n-The broken heart to rankle with a thorn And, like meridian day-glance on a wreck, To shine, at once a mock'ry and a bliss.

Lo! how his eye, his parent eye, doth fix Half dying, half delighted, on the tale Breath'd from that canvas—now, with happiness It kindles for a moment—now, for aye
Bathes its affection in a scorching tear. Why weeps the invalid, that vision o'er? Across his visage, why thus race the fla Of passion—mem'ry—anguish, at the flow Of thoughts, which burn, oppressive as the rod Ægyptian, to the Israelituh host? Why leans he fainting on that picture's frame, His temple resting on his hand—his heart sive as the rod Heaving mute worship, to a God of hands! Heaving mute worship, to a Good the sob He sobs, yet strives concealment of the sob Whose voice is heard, till deem'd repentant Guilt's! And why that tear-that sorrowYou is a painter! one of Genius' sons, With all the imperfections—all the pow'rs, Genius inherits. He has drunk the fire Of loveliness intensest—from the skies Pluck'd their cerulesn tranquil—the warm that Of Sun's refraction, as his beams became Lock'd in the embrace of Evening-vapours fierce, Like hostile fleets, manœuvring on the seas The billowless seas of space ! now, bidding h Expect refreshment from their pregnant looks; Now, with prophetic darkness, to the eye Predicting desolation, tempest, storm:— He has beheld the lightnings fearlessly, Felt the earth quake, as thunder's bolt approach'd! Seen mountains fall, and cities cloth'd in flames, Unmov'd—save with the hope his bosom held, Of carrying to the tables of his art Sublimity's resemblance—Beauty's shade.
The first he honour'd—but the last he lov'd! Fatally lov'd. It was that branching crag
O'er which his uncurb'd passions threw their lord;
While, lone, but lovely ev'n in loveliness,
His native talent shone, a saviour star,
Most like that taper's glimm'ring, in the gloom

Himself had painted—type of his own doom!

This is a fair specimen both of his defects and beauties; and had we not thought his young laurel one of promise, we had not been thus careful to point to observation the cater-pillars and withered leaves that disfigure it. One question, and we have done. Mr. Marshall says of one of his heroines: She was not tall nor short; but of a height In which we look for genius among men, And among women tenderness. We should like to know precisely how tall this is, whether five, six, or seven feet?

Of the long preface, or rather essay, which precedes these poems, we have but little to say: it is irrelevant and ill-placed, and the author seems contending against prejudices which do not exist. We know of no code that places surgeons on a lower scale, either moral or intellectual, than their fellow men: in endea-youring to raise them in public opinion, Mr. Marshall has been fighting with giants, some-thing like Don Quixotte's windmills. The other subjects which he undertakes to handle. are too weighty for him; but he displays good feelings and intentions, though his Pre-face had been better if " none at all."

SCHMIDTMEYER'S TRAVELS IN CHILE.

As the year approaches its end, we must to make our annual volume complete within itself, now wind in all our stray and continuous wefts, so that the literary web may be finished in an artisanlike manner, and a new tissue of the same pattern be commenced with and marked "A.D. 1824." Thus the close of our Review of Mr. Schmidtmeyer's Chile is here given. Respecting the mines in that country, and the mode of procuring the ore, we select the following as the most prominent

"We were crossing a stream in a small lonely valley, when we heard the strokes of the mattock, and found an old man. a lavathe mattock, and found an old man, a lava-dor, digging and washing for gold: but he did not appear thriving in his pursuit; no golden harvest shone on his ragged garments, nor was there any other indication of reward for the hard toils, of which his wrinkled weatherworn face and his exhausted body manifested the effects. I was told that these people, taken generally, seldom got more than a scanty daily subsistence: this, how-ever, only annies where there is not a proper weatherworn face and his exhausted body "On our return from the vega, at one people, taken generally, seldom got more than a scanty daily subsistence: this, however, only applies where there is not a proper distribution of labour; half the time of this

oor man was spent in laying down some poor man was spent in laying down some tool and taking another up, and these were in a bad state. The hope of meeting with a pepita or lump of gold, sustains the exertions of the lavadores, and though the wheel of fortune now seldom realizes that expectation, yet it never performs its daily rotation without granting some greater or lesser prize in the soil. The auriferous earth dug out is separated from the stones, and put into a horn or wooden vessel, in which it is stirred and shaken under a stream of water, a suffi-cient time to allow the gold alone to remain at the bottom by its superior weight, and all other matters to be gradually washed out; but many of the smaller particles of it likewise escape and are lost. Another method of washing for this metal, which is said to be better, is by means of an inclined plane, over better, is by means of an inclined plane, over which are spread sheep akins, where the separation is effected. The gold thus got, which is of great purity, is put into small bags, and sold to merchants. Less of it is commonly obtained by washing than by mining, crushing the ore, and amalgamating the gold in it with mercury.

"We arrived at Los Hornos, a copper ingenis or smelting work, where we found the steward and a dinner. We have already seen that the selection of a spot fit for working a copper-mine in this country was not

ing a copper-mine in this country was not easy: a vein of ore rich enough and lying sufficiently near the surface of the ground; wood and water not too far distant; conveyances not too laborious for them, the ore and the metal; these are the requisites and advantages which, in this dry land of moun-tains and bowls, are gradually becoming less united. I have often heard that with many mines, the largest portion of the value of the copper obtained from them was absorbed by the conveyance alone of wood and water, chiefly owing to the number of people, and the many mules and asses, which are required for this service. A vein of ore which does not yield above fifty per cent. of copper, generally offers no inducement to open a shaft for it.

"The ore is brought out of the mine in hide boxes, each of which, though of small weight for one person, requires two men to load and one to carry: when the ground admits of it, a hide is loaded, dragged to the place of discharge and upaet. Such are the means of manual carriage very commonly used in this country for the most extensive works and laborious purposes, by which much time is wasted; and I have not any where met with a hand-wheelbarrow. The copper ore is broken, likewise by manual labour, into pieces of one or two cubic inches, and what does not appear to hold sufficiently of metal for rendering it worth smelting is thrown aside. Unless the furnace be very near the mine, the broken and selected ore is brought to it by asses; and if the produce of many mines be smelted in the same furnace, the ore from each usually forms distinct heaps before it, for the purpose of constantly ascertaining the quantity of copper which they respectively yield."

The manners and manufactures of the people will be found illustrated by the subjoined extracts from various parts of the volume :

vegetables, jellies, creams, blancmangers, and many others of refined delicacy, were counted by my travelling companion, exclusively of the dessert; a total which we were able afterthe dessert; a total which we were able after-wards to prove by recapitulation. The rota-tion of courses was necessarily brisk and fre-quent, but its rapidity could not prevent a pro-digious load of food. Only female servants wait at table in Chile, and without the display of any ostentation. Plates are changed with dishes, as were also, in this instance, silver knives and forks. There dined in the same room, and by himself, a kind of jester, a person of very weak intellects, to and from whom the greater share of conversation during dinner was directed and drawn; alternately dinner was directed and drawn: alternately frightened, teased and pleased, he cried, was rightened, teased and pleased, he cried, was angry or laughed; and as all these emotions were natural in him, we found them much more painful than entertaining. After dinner coffee and slesta followed; then a ride out; next abundance of ice-creams, and lastly, a

copious supper. - - - "Former titles still remain attached to some elder branches of families and to a few estates in Chile, but without conferring any political distinction. In most of the large country mansions resides a priest, and a small school is kept, but hitherto more in name than

Santiago by an ingenious Swiss, assisted by a skilful mechanic; and after considerable expence, perseverance and labour, it was to begin making coarse cloth shortly after my departure from it. Hemp yarn and cordage were also made by him, and the scene of many women and children, employed in tha spot at regular day's work, as in Europa formed a very new exhibition here: severa. of them were occupied in selecting the best wool from the worst, and I was informed that they performed readily and well the labour assigned to them. A carding wheel seemed to exhibit very considerable workmanship and skill. - - An Englishman and a Swede have set up a small brewery, the whole of which London brewhouse. A single bag of hops in the store, which had been inported from Exrope at a considerable cost, was supplyings few handfuls of its contents to each brewing. and the beer made here was not yet the brown stout; but it was tolerably good, and as the place had been arranged for the reception of

"Besides the straw hats made and very generally worn in Chile, there is in Santiago a manufactory of felt hats of a pretty good quality, to the improvement of which the New Shetland seal may now contribute. Woollen and cotton ponchos are chiefly fabricated in the southern districts, which cost from four to above a hundred dollars each. A considerable quantity of boots and shoes is made here. Gold and silver are wrought by several smiths into plate, mate and other pots, candlesticks, buckles, chains and ornaments of various kinds. But earthenwares, iron and copper mongery, many articles of haberdashery, saddles and bridles, stockings, and coarse stuffs for dress, are chiefly made in country towns, or in small farmhouses and ranchos. "Soap is manufactured in many houses for

company in a garden, the novelty of the ex

periment attracted many people.

The engerness with which some of the latest European customs and fashions are adopted, is only manifested at present in insignificant objects; but the introduction of such as are more useful and interesting may follow. Tea utensils are in some houses replacing maté pots: costly British furniture and dresses are readily purchased: writing desks and work boxes are exhibited, which the schools in contemplation will render, more useful; and twelve pounds are paid to a foreign tailor of Santiago, who, for that moderate sum; furnishes a coat of the best English cloth and cut! The ladies of Chile are very fond of bathing and riding: many of them are good swim-mers, and most good riders. They do not wear much seriousness, and once or twice a year perform what is called the exercicio, a religious exercise, which consists in being shut up dur-ing nine days in houses destined for the purpose, where two or three hundred of the chief young women in the country will meet at the same time, and pass it in devotion; after which they wear an impression of both depth and elevation of thoughts, that are, however, soon afterwards gradually brought again to a more

natural level: but they are generally fond of engaging in conversation on religious topics, and display much warmth in them and politics."

From these passages it will appear that Chile is susceptible of immense improvements in every branch whence national pros-perity and the amelioration of society can apring. The system of agriculture, the rearing of cattle, the cultivation of the vine, mining, and, above all, the education of the vine, mining, and, above all, the education of the people, would speedily, under a wise and liberal government, entirely after the face of the country and the character of the inhabitants. Wealth, power, and general and individual happiness, would be the result. Such reflections are powerfully suggested by the volume before us, in spite of its desultory and loose manner—of its indifferently litho-graphed pictures of things seldom taken on the spot—of its very masatisfactory details on the important subject of mineralogy," which

corded, as it is probably the first of the kind in South America, the starting of a susge-coach with four horses, from Santiago to Valparayso; of great four herses, from Santiago to Valparayso; of great convenience to many people, whose business occasioned frequent journies between these two places. Notwithstanding the mountains on the road, the want of trained horses, and of experience in the Chileno postilions, no serious accident had happened during several journies which had already been performed; and although some loss would be suffered by many people, on that road by this undertaking, yet no misolueyous opposition to it had been manifested. A North American, jointly, I believe, with an Eoglishman, had set up this public coach.

"The first attempt to newigate by steam in South America was made at Rio de Janeiro, in July 1821; and though for a conveyance across the bay in very considerable dully request for passengers and provisions, yet the ateam boat has, I understand, here laid down, owing to the extraordinary expense of wood feel. This difficulty would be found still greater in the river Plate; and to establish a water from Rosens avres towards the Ander in carriage from Buenos ayres towards the Andes in that parallel, could only be attempted by the river Tercero, which might probably be easily ascended

its incorrect and sometimes absurd classical allusions and similes—and generally, of notorious faults in composition, and paucity of information in many interesting points of

With all these defects and deficiencies, however, our copious reference will show that we consider M. Schmidtmeyer's to be ar amusing work, and one calculated to be useful at a period when intelligence concerning a new and rising country is so peculiarly valuable to British enterprise.

able rock near the sea, shewing, I think, evidently, the different stages of its formation; and if I durst venture a conjecture from it, on a subj which I am so little acquainted, it would be, that granite may be found, formed of a due proportion of fragments of sea shells with sand, having undergone an inward process, modified by local circum-

BURCHELL'S TRAVELS IN AFRICA. AFTER he had reached the borders of the colony, Mr. Burchell pursued his course to the village of Graafreynet. Of his first re-ception, at the farm of Jacob Van Wyk, he gives a very unfavourable account; and teaches us that the Settlers on the outskirts of the European territories are in hospitality inferior to the savage Bushmen. At the next and other stations, however, the welcome was different, and redeemed the general character of the Dutch Boors. An idea may be formed of the distress to which the anthor

we record in travelling, by quoting a de-scription of his sufferings (even within the bounds of the colony) in descending from the Spitskop (Peak,) or highest point of the mountain range, called Sneeuwberg (Snow Mountains.)

"All were now wrapped up in every piece of clothing they possessed; and Raiter had so tied himself up in skins of various sorts and colours, sheep-skins, leopard-skins, and goat-skins, that he looked more like an automaton pile of furs than a man. The rain and mist became colder as we advanced; or rather, we felt it more keenly in propor tion as we lost the warmth which acquired by the fire-side. The mist penetrated where the rain could not; and every thing was either wet or damp. The cold grew more piercing, and my people more silent and dejected. I endeavoured to keep up their spirits, by assuring them that as soon as we should descend the mountain, we should find fair and warm weather, for we were then among the clouds, or rather, the clouds had sank upon us. Yet, though much chilled and benumbed, I did not myself suffer so much as my Klanrwater Hottentots: they had long n accustomed only to the warm climate of the Transgariepine, and three of them were, besides, advanced in years, and one of these much enfectled by age. Speciman and Philip, who, like myself, had been somewhat hardened by constant exposure to every kind of weather, and being, excepting my self, the youngest of the party, were the least of all affected by the cold. The sheep, of which we had only two remaining, and the dogs, began to droop. Still, the hope of soon descending to a lower level give us courage to go forward.

"In this state we had been travelling about two hours and a half, when Philip, as With the help of steam.

I was riding in advance, hastily came on to tered.

Ex. gr. "In travelling from Coquimbo to tell me that the people were unable to proGuasco in Chile, we shall have to notice a remark-ceed any farther, and that they were of of it, that I regarded this medicine as my

the author unluckily did not understand—of opinion that the Bushboy was dying. When its incorrect and sometimes absurd classical allusions and similes—and generally, of no endure the cold no longer. Old Cobus Berends's countenance was so much changed, and in so weak a voice he told me that the cold had seized his heart, that I really helieved, considering his age, that he was struck with death. I had never before thought myself in so serious a situation : the poor little Bushboy who, excepting his kaross, was nearly naked, had scated himself down by the road-side. When I went to him, I found him affected to so alarming a degree, that he had no power either to move or to speak, and his face had assumed that peculiar yellowness which, among blacks, is the visible symptom of either approaching dissolution, or the decay of energy in the vital functions. "The most distressing reflections crowded

on my mind. It appeared that the hand of death lay already upon him. What was I to tell the father at my return! That he had died of cold? This would not have been believed. I should have been accused of being the cause of his death; or of having left him in captivity under some of the boors. My return through the Bushmen's country would be impracticable. Kaabi, and the whole tribe, would have considered me no longer as their friend; but as one who had treacherously deceived them, and betrayed the confi-dence of a father. The whole plan of my travels was deranged. I could not rejoin my waggons but hy making a circuit by the Sack river again, and waiting for some favourable opportunity of crossing the Cisgariepine. These sad forebodings rushed upon me, and entirely occupied my mind: they made me forget my own personal feelings, and that every one of my men was now suffering from the severity of the weather.

"We had therefore no alternative but to halt, although in an exposed open place without a tree, or scarcely a bush, that could afford us shelter. While those who were able to move were unloading the oxen, two others went in search of firewood. This spot I have distinguished on the Map by the name of Cold Station: a name which, at this time, was more applicable to it than to any other sta-tion in the whole of my travels.

"On account of the rain, which continued

falling, and the wetness of our fuel, we found the greatest difficulty in kindling a fire; but the people took care afterwards to supply it with large quantities of wood, so that for some hours it continued to burn in spite of the mist and rain.

" My first cencern was to bring the Bushhoy to life; for he had no other appearance than that of a dying person. We placed him by the fire, and I wrapped him up in one of my own blankets; but he remained for half an hour completely speechiest, and nearly unable to move. He took no notice either of the fire or of any thing around him; and Philip and Speciman repeatedly gave their opinion that he would never speak again.

"I saw that it was necessary to restore the activity of the vital functions, which the cold seemed to have nearly stopped : I was regretting that we had nothing of a stimulating quality to give him, when the recollection of having a bottle of volatile alkali, gave me some hopes. I immediately prepared in water as much as half a ten-empirit, of as great a strength as could safely be adminis-

panacea; for I gave a dose to the three old men; and the rest had so much confidence in it, that they were desirons of taking some also; but as I thought they could be re-stored without its aid, I judged it more prudent to reserve it for those who might have the misfortune to be bitten by serpents. Ruiter suffered almost as much as the boy, and was also speechless: but the warmth of the fire at last re animated him. Hans Lucas's appearance was most miserable, and Berends's countenance was equally sad; but our Bushman Nieuwveld bore the cold much better than his countryman.

"At length the boy was enabled to move his limbs; he crept nearer to the fire, and in a little time afterwards recovered his speech enough to tell me that the medicine had done him much good. After nursing him for about two hours, I rejoiced to find him sufficiently restored to be able to eat; and in order to fortify him against the night. I desired him to eat a large quantity of food; a request which is never unseasonable to a Bushman. Cobus, and the rest, revived by degrees; but all the party sat over the fire very melancholy

and dejected:

"The rain now had ceased for a short time, and the men took the opportunity to cook their dinner, or rather, supper. The apathy or forgetfulness of Hottentots, was here well exemplified: they had taken their own meal without ever once thinking of their master, who, in the mean while, had been too mach engaged in attending the boy to think of him-self. But being reminded by hunger, I o' dered Philip to broil a piece of meat, while I sought for a place where I could pass the night: for it was then evening; the clouds had again sunk upon us, and a violent and heavy rain, which ceased not during the whole night, had just commenced. At a little distance from my men, I prepared a spot, by forming a layer of bushes to keep my baggage and bedding from the ground, which, being on a declivity, was deluged with streams of water. As it would have been folly to spread out my bed in such a situation, I seated myself upon my baggage, and held the umbrella over me. I waited for nearly an hour, expecting supper; but nothing was brought. I at length rose, and on going to the fire, found it extinguished, and all my people wrapped up in their karosses for the night. My cook, with true Hottentot sangfroid, informed me that the water, which ran down from the higher ground, together with the rain, had washed away the fire before the ment was half broiled. So that, finding this, he had put the chop intended for me upon the hash, and laid down to sleep, without thinking it necessary to put me out of sus-pense, or to let me know that I was to have no supper that evening.

"I therefore resumed my seat upon the layer of bushes, and covered myself up with my watch-coat. In this situation I passed miserable night; with a cold rain pouring down from above, and torrents of water run-ning under me. I sometimes fell asleep, but my feet being seized with cramp, I soon

awoke again, and had sufficient reason for rejoicing at the return of daylight."

What a striking picture is here presented of African travel! After a violent attack of fever, Mr. B. arrived at Graaffreynet, which is rapidly rising into consequence. Among other singular productions in its vicinity, the " mountains are the native soil of an extra-ordinary plant, called Hottentets Brook (Hot-

tentot's Bread.) Its bulb stands entirely above ground, and grows to an enormous size, frequently three feet in height and diameter. It is closely studded with angular ligneous protuberances, which give it some resemblance to the shell of a tortoise. The inside is a fleshy substance, which may be compared to a turnip, both in consistence and colour. From the top of this bulb arise several annual stems, the branches of which have disposition to twine round any shrub within reach. The Hottentots informed me, that, in former times, they ate this inner substance, which is considered not unwholesome, when cut in pieces and baked in the embers. It will easily be believed that this food may not be very unlike the yam of the East Indies, since the plant belongs, if not to the same, at least to a very closely allied, genus; as the membranaceous capsules, with which it was at this time covered, clearly proved.'

The oxen having strayed, the Hottentots were sent out to find them, and the following remarkable circumstance occurred:

- - - "One party was sent to explore the mountains; and, as tigers were said to haunt those places, they took the dogs with them for safety. Baboons are also met with here in great numbers; and unfortunately the dogs, through a natural antipathy to this tribe of animals, pursued a small company, which turned upon them, and defended themselves most effectually. They killed one of the dogs on the spot, by biting it through the jugular artery; and another they severely disabled, by tearing a large piece of flesh out of its side, so that a part of the ribs was laid bare."

It is carrious, that the famous monkey which was engaged in combats with dogs for the diversion of the refined blackguards of London, was accustomed to kill its adversaries by biting them through the jugular artery. Its savage brethren, it seems, untaught by man, and ignorant of The Fancy, resorted to the same fatal mode of attack,-After engaging for his new journey as many Hottentots as Graaffreynet could supply, and making the necessary preparations, Mr. Bur-chell again set out for the border of the colony. The first object of interest on his route was a girl "whose history was interesting, and who was, besides, a surprising lusus naturæ. Her parents were genuine Caffres, and resided at this farm when she was an infant: on some occasion they went back to their own country, while their child, under pretence of being unequal to the fatigues of the journey, was left at Van Heerden's. But as they never afterwards returned for her, it was supposed that her singular appearance had induced them to desert her. At the time when I saw her, she was sixteen years old, of a very stout make, and of short stature: which respect she was not different from many Caffre girls, whom I saw about a year afterwards. But the colour of her skin was that of the fairest European; or, more cor-rectly expressed, it was mere pink and white. Or, perhaps it will be more intelligible to a painter, if I describe it as being compounded of pure white and a moderate tint of vermillion, without the admixture of any other colour; and therefore, not strictly to be called the complexion of a European. Her hair was exactly of the same woolly nature as that of her country women, but it was of a singularly pale hue, nearly approaching to that which is termed flaxen. Her features, however, were those of a true Caffre."

Passing the ill-defined boundaries of the co-

lony, the party retraced their steps through the Bushmen's country by Kraaikop's Kraail, &c. towards Klaarwater. Now adventures became more truly African; -but they must remain another week untold.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTER FROM ROME.
Rome, Oct. 8th 1323. At the beginning of June, some workmen employed in repairing a drain on the declivity of the Quirinal, towards the Forum Trajani, in the street Di tre Canelli, found an, apartment, into which they were able to penetrate to the depth of twenty pains. A window in it was towards S. Apostoli, a door towards Trajan's Forum. Opposite the latter, an opening broken through in more modern. times; opposite the former a stair-case, which shows that there has been an upper story. It is affirmed that the floor is found to be on a level with the Forum Trajani. The inscription on a brick, TITY ... ARPONIANYS VERO. ET. AN. BIBVLO, COS. points to the year 878 of the city, or to the time of Adrian.

In the month of June also the interior of an ancient Chamber was discovered on the Palatine, in the garden of the Collegio Inglese, toward S. Gregorio; and at the depth of four or five palms, a statue of Minerva, wanting the head and right hand, but in other respects well preserved and of good workmanship. It was also completely finished behind as well as in front. The egis covered behind with snakes, and before with stars, and the left arm covered by the drapery, in this statue, remind us of similar ones in the Museo Chiaramonte and the Villa Rospigliosi. Not far from the statue lay two elegant Corinthian Capitals, nearly two palms in diameter. Pipes in the walls, and other circumstances, lead us to conjecture that this apartment was used as a warm bath.

Of much greater importance are the discoveries also commenced in June, and which will be zealously prosecuted, of Ruins on the estate of the Canon of Colonna, ten miles from Rome, on the Appian way to the right of the Fratochie, Very considerable reor the Fratocchie, Very Considerable fe-mains of walls and carceres which were remaining of a Circus, 1250 palms long and 200 broad, had been hitherto inconcelvably neglected. Remains of the Stage of a Theatre and of a Piscine have likewise been discovered on a more accurate examination. The remains of the Circus still bear the traditional name of La Giostra. The merit of having directed attention to these Ruins, and of as-cribing them, with much probability, to the ancient Bovilla, is due to Chevalier Gius. Tambroni, who gives an account of them in the June Number of the Giornale Arcadico, and has added the Architectural Illustrations of M. Luigi Pollelli. One of our friends will shortly send you a more particular account.

ARTS AND SCIENCES

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AT PARIS.

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my.—M. Gambey has presented to the Academy two new astronomical instruments, constructed on new principles ;-a ments, constructed on new principles;—a compass of declination, and a heliostat.— M. l'Abbé Halma has published a French translation of the Manual Tables of Ptolemy; and is occupied in researches to show that the antiquity of the Zodiac of Dendera is not greater than that of 364 years before the Christian era.

Mineralogy and Geology.—The loss which the Academy sustained in the death of M. Hairy, occasioned an apprehension that the public might be deprived of the new edition of the work of that illustrious professor on the science which he cultivated with so much science which he cultivated with so much success. Happily the whole of the manuscript was prepared. Pive volumes have already appeared, and the impression of the sixth and last is going on under the superintendence of M. De Lafosse, one of M. Haily's most distinguished, pupils. M. Constant Prevent has been investigation.

most distinguished, pupils. M. Constant Fre-wost has been investigating, mineralogically, the hold rocky shore of Picardy and Nor-mandy, from Calais to Cherburg. Vegetable Physics, and Botany.—M. Dutro-chet has made some new and exceedingly curious experiments on the direction which curious experiments on the direction which the different parts of plants take, when in motion, from the instant of germination to their development.—It is generally imagined that a tree deprived of its bark loses its vegetative faculty. M. Dupetit Thouars has peeled trees for three successive years, and they have sustained no injury. He thinks the elm endures this mutilation best; the oak cannot bear it.—M. Raffenau Delille has described a loss for the family of courted. Its Dear It.—M. Manenau Delille has described a singular plant of the family of gourds. Its fruit, which is nearly two feet long, and of a proportionate thickness, is covered with a resinous and inflammable powder, that can be scraped off, and seems analogous to the vegetable wax of the myrica cerifera of North America, and of the ceroxylum andicols in the Cordilleras.—Several numbers of splendid botanical works, by M. de Humboldt and

botanical works, by M. de Humboldt and M. Kunth, have appeared.

Physiology.—M. Sergelas has communicated to the Academy the result of experiments which not only confirm generally the absorbent faculty of the veins (doubted by some physiologists,) but prove that certain substances are absorbed only by the veins, or at least, that they are so in greater abundance and more rapidly, than by the lacteal vessels. Various other able physiologists have been investigating different parts of the animal system, especially the nerves; but the description of their labours would be rather too technical for our general readers.

nical for our general readers.

Comparative Anatomy.—M. Geoffry Saint Hillaire's investigations on the subject of monstrosities has led him to extend his researches to the organs of generation in birds; as well as in those of the monotremes, those extraordinary quadrupeds of New Holland, which unite the beak of a bird with the which unite the beak of a bird with the shoulders of a reptile, and respecting which it has hitherto been doubtful whether they are oviparous. M. Geoffry Saint Hitaire determines that they are so.—Messrs. Majendie and Deamoulian have been engaged in similar investigations concerning the lamprey.

Zeology.—A vast number of zeological facts have been communicated to the Academy from different parts of the globe.

Medicine and Surgery. These branches of sciunce have been enriched by many highly important treatless, into any analysis of which, however, it is impossible to enter.

Agriculture and Technology. M. de Humbeldt proposes making an attempt to domesticate the Llamas of Peru before transporting them to Europe, where there is every reason to

the Latanas of Ford before transporting them to Europe, where there is every reason to believe they may live without degenerating. Students of Arts.—R. S. Glyn, and Mayow Short, believe they may live without degenerating. Students of Ch. Ch.; Rev. L. B. Larking, and J. S. M. Lemare has presented to the Aendemy an supparatus which he calls a Calefacteur, and which may be employed with great advantage and C. Porcher, Esq. Oriel College, grand comfor culinary purposes.—Indelible writing ink become a desideratum, in proportion to landson, Queen's Coll.; J. Spratt, and J. Cheese,

the increasing skill of forgers. A manufac-turer at Paris, M. de la Renaudière, has de-vised one which unites in a great degree all requisite qualities, and which entirely resists agents commonly employed to alter

The great utility and importance of these general views of the Circle of the Sciences, and the points which they have severally reached, are so obvious, that while we avail ourselves of the practice of France to frame such a paper as the foregoing for our readers, we cannot but express our hope that some one of the purely scientific publications of England will follow so good an example.]

LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF LITERATURE

At the fourth Ordinary (we by mistake in former Numbers said General) Meeting of the Royal Society of Literature on Wednes last, another paper, communicated by Mr. Sharon Turner, was read, on the Affinity of Languages. The number Two, as expressed Languages. The number Two, as expressed in many ancient and modern tongues, was taken for the illustration of this interesting philological inquiry; and very remarkable analogies and coincidences were pointed out. A great addition to the list of Candidates was proposed, and those ripe in rotation were balloted for and elected.

OXFORD, Dec. 6.—The following subjects are proposed for the Chancellor's Prizes for the ensuing year; viz.
For Latin Verses—Babyle

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For an English Essay—Athens in the time of ericles, and Rome in the time of Augustus.

For a Latin Essay-Coloniarum apud Gr

Romans inter se Comparate.

The first of the above subjects is intended for those gentlemen of the University who have not exceeded four years from the time of their matriculation; and the other two for such as have exceeded four, but not com-

such as have exceeded four, but not com-pleted seven years.

Sir Roger Newdigate's Prise.—For the best com-position in English Verse, not containing either more or fewer than fifty lines, by any Under-graduate who has not exceeded four years from the time of his matriculation—The Arch of Titus.

On Tuesday last the following Degrees

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Backelor and Doctor in Divinity.—Rev. R. Ness
Merton College, and Rector of West Farley.

Masters of Arts.—T. W. Gorden, Exeter Coll.

B. Gosling, and J. H. Hornby, Christ Church
T. A. Boswell, Brasennose Coll.; J. Carr, Fellow of Balliol Coll

of Halliol Coll.

Buchelers of Arts.—J. Hopkins, Esq. St. John's
Coll., grand compounder; T. Martyn, Gueen's
Coll.; J. Hartley, St. Edmund Hall; W. Marsh,
Magdalen Hall; R. Hall, Ch. Ch.; Rev. T. Commeline, St. Alban Hall; W. Luteyns, G. C. Jordan,
and J. G. Lewis, Pembroke Coll.; R. Hathway,
Jesus Coll.; R. Clayton, University Coll.; H. H.
Holdich, and W. Falconer, Oriel Coll.; P. Dobson, and H. M. Boultbee, Postmasters of Merton
Coll; Fred. F. Edwardes, and J. Dayman, Scholars of Corpus Christi Coll.

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Masters of Arts.—R. S. Glyn, and Mayow Short.
Students of Ch. Ch.; Rev. L. B. Larking, and J. S.

St. Mary Hall; S. L. Pope, Trinity Coll.; P. Ewart, Ch. Ch.; R. Liewellin, University Coll. CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 13.—At a Congregation on Wednesday last the following Degrees were conferred:

Master of Arts.—Rev. S.E. Batten, Pembroke Hall. Bachelor in Civil Law.—J. K. Greetham, Jesus Coll. Bachelor of Arts.—R. Thompson, Trinity Coll.

PINE ARTS

The Countess of Lieven. A Print engraved by Bromley, after a Drawing by Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A.

This is one of those rare combinations of

talent uniting the utmost grace of composition with the greatest skill in execution, in which the pencil of the artist is most happily ex-pressed by the delicacy of the hurin. There is a lightness and a taste in the character of the lines, which show the looseness and of the lines, which show the looseness and freedom of a drawing without the appearance of neglect. We know something of the difficulty of this style of art, that of preserving the beautiful piano tone without the opposition of great depth. There may be those (though we scarce think it possible) who would be ready to break a lance in favour of the Antwerp Heauty; but for our own part we should not hesitate to take the field against all comers, whether French, German, or Italian, on the part of the beautiful Countess and this fair specimen of British Art.

The Spanish General Riego.

An indifferent lithographic print, by Maenza, of the late General Riego has been published by W. J. Partridge; and it is stated to us, on the authority of his brother, to be a very correct likeness. If so, the countenance is by no means a noble one; and there is nothing in the head or expression which would make either a good picture or fine statue. Poor Riego played his part, and not thriving in it, suffered as a traitor. In the Corporation of London, a motion was made for erecting a monument in the British metropolis to his memory; but it was lost, and we are not the more sorry to record this fact, since any work of Art for perpetuating his resemblance must have been an anomaly in our public edifices of this kind, and foreign in i pearance and effect. The widow of this un-fortunate person (also his niece, for, accord-ing to a Spanish custom, he married his nephew's widow) is now among us, and a uch more interesting object for the exercise of English generosity.

Portraits of Eminest Foreign Composers.

T. Boosey & Co.

Mussc, it is probable, will be a prevalent fashion during the ensuing winter. Rossini with his new Operas, and the novelties at with his new Operas, and the novelties at the King's Theatre, must give that science an impulse, and, we trust, an uplifting. It was therefore a good time for the publication of a Work like the present, which consists of Porraits of Haydn, Mozart, Bethoven, Rossinl, Hümmel, and Moschelles. Of the likenesses we cannot judge. Haydn's is a Cicero-looking head and bust, with an appearance of senility, especially about the under lip. The delightful Mozart has an uncommon expression with indications of sensibility and genius; Bethoven an Austrian countenance, with power in the forehead and eyes. Rossinl's is an odd foreign cast, more French than Italian; an odd foreign cast, more French than Italian; Hümmel, a plain old man; and Moschelles much larger than he really is. The first three are engraved by T. Blood; the last three drawn on stone by Ganoi. They are separable for those who wish individuals and not the whole number

Portraits of The King, and of Lord Byron, of a new kind of art, have been produced by Mr. Thompson, whose beautiful Medallion Wafers have attracted so much notice. These are pressed or struck out of coloured paper by a Die, and come into very fine and hold relief, resembling the highest order in wax or other solid material. The effect is extremely good, and the Portraits expressive as well as curious. We do not know whether the method is original or borrowed.

ORIGINAL POETRY.

POETIC SKETCHES. Fourth Series.

SKETCH VI .- THE SAILOR.

Oh gloriously upon the desp The gallant vessel rides, And she is mistress of the winds, And mistress of the tides. And never but for her tall ships
Had England been so proud;
Or before the might of the Island Queen
The Kings of the earth had bowed. But, alas! for the widow and orphan's tear, When the death flag sweeps the wave; Alas, that the laurel of Victory Must grow but upon the grave!

An aged Widow with one only child, And even he was far away at sea: Narrow and mean the street wherein she dwelt, And low and small the room; but still it had A look of comfort; on the white-washed walls Were ranged her many ocean treasures—shells, Some like the snow, and some pink, with a blush Caught from the susset on the waters; plumes From the bright pinions of the Indian birds; Long dark sea weeds, and black and crimson berries, Were treasured with the treasuring of the heart. Her Sailor brought them, when from his first voyage He came so sunburnt and so tall, she scarce Knew her fair stripling in that manly youth. Like a memorial of far better days, The large old Bible, with its silver classs, Lay on the table; and a fragrant air Came from the window: there stood a rose tre Lonely, but of luxuriant growth, and rich With thousand buds and beautifully blown flowers It was a slip from that which grew beside The cottage, once her own, which ever drew Praise from each passer down the shadowy lane Where her home stood, the home where yet she

107 thoughtell Rost To end her days in peace; that was the hope That made life pleasant, and it had been fed By the so ardent spirits of her Boy, Who said that God would bless the efforts made For his old mother. Like a holiday Each Sunday came, for then her patient way She took to the white church of her own village, A long five miles; and many marvelled one So aged, so feeble, still should seek that church. They knew not how delicious the fresh air, How fair the green leaves and the fields, how glad The mushime of the country, to the eyes
That booked so seldom on them. She would sit That looked so seldom on them. She would sit Long after Service on a grave, and watch The cattle as they grazed, the yellow corn, The lane where yet her home might be; and then Return with lightened heart to her dull streat, Refreshed with hope and pleasant memories, Listen with anxious ear to the couch shell, Wherein they say the rolling of the sea Is heard distinct, pray for her absent child, Bless him, then dream of him.

A shout awoke the sleeping Town, the night

Rang with the Fleet's return and victory! Men that were slumbering quietly, rose up [lights, And joined the shout; the windows gleamed The bells rang forth rejoicingly, the paths
Were filled with people; even the lone street
Where the poor widow dwelt, was roused, and sleep Was thought upon no more that night. Next day-A bright and sunny day it was-high flags [hung Waved from each steeple, and green boughs were In the gay market-place; music was heard, Bands that struck up in triumph; and the sea Was covered with proud vessels; and the boats Went to and fro the shore, and waving hands Beckoned from crowded decks to the glad strand Where the wife waited for her husband,-maids Threw the bright curls back from their glistening eye And looked their best,—and as the splashing our Brought dear ones to the land, how every voice Grew musical with happiness!

Stood that old Widow woman with the rest Watching the ship wherein had sailed her Son. A boat came from that vessel,-heavily It toiled upon the waters, and the oars Were dipp'd in slowly. As it neared the beach, A mouning sound came from it, and a groan Burst from the lips of all the anxious there, When they looked on each ghastly counter For that lone boat was filled with wounded men Bearing them to the hospital,—and then That aged Woman saw her Son. She prayed, And gained her prayer, that she might be his nurse And take him home. He lived for many days. It soothed him so to hear his mother's voice, To breathe the fragrant air sent from the roses, The roses that were gathered one by one For him by his fond parent nurse; the last Was placed upon his pillow, and that night, That very night, he died! And he was laid In the same church-yard where his father lay Through which his mother as a bride had pass'd. The grave was closed; but still the Widow sat Upon a sod beside, and silently, (Hers was not grief that words had comfort for.) The funeral train pass'd on, and she was left Alone amid the tombs; but once she looked Towards the shadowy lane, then turned again, As desolate and sick at heart, to where Her help, her hope, her Child, lay dead together She went home to her lonely room. Next morn Some entered it, and there she sat, Her white hair hanging o'er the withered hands On which her pale face leant; the Bible lay Open beside, but blistered were the leaves With two or three large tears, which had dried in Oh, happy she had not survived her child! And many pitied her, for she had spent Her little savings, and she had so friends; But strangers made her grave in that churchyard And where her Sailor slept, there slept his Mother

'Tis come—the fulness of that promis'd hour, When Woman's seed shall break the Serpent's

ne-the time by prophecies foretold, When He, "whose goings forth were from of old, Should leave his Throne of Majesty on high, With Man to sojourn, and for Man to die !— Hark! the glad hour attesting Seraphs hail, And songs of triumph swell the midnight gale Heaven's choral host to human sight appears, And strains angelic burst on human ears!

See! in the East his herald Star arise! Type of that light desired by Israel's eyes: Led by this guide, their gifts the Magi bring, And, Heav'n-instructed, hall their infant King! What though a manger is his earthly throne, Yet, strong in faith, the Godhead veil'd they own There, at EMMANUEL's feet is incense pour'd. And there the INCARNATE GOD is first ador'd.

What precious gifts attend the God-born Child! Opposing claims in Him are reconciled: Through Him each jarring attribute shall meet In perfect love—in harmony complete!
Mercy and Truth are knit in firm embrace Justice, appeas'd, now shares her throne with Grace: On Him the iniquity of all is laid;

By Him the price of our redemption paid;

By Him the fetter'd Captive is unchain'd, as it is to Deliverance won, and Paradise regain'd.

Rejoice, ye ransom'd! You your God hath freed From pains pronounced, from penalties decreed;
The Grave he vanquished with exulting wing,
And wrung from Death its trlumph and its sting.
Pour forth your notes of praise; be glad, O Earth!
And tell the blessings of a Saviour's birth! By every nation and by every tongue, The joyful song of the Redeem'd be sung. Oh, if the choral melodies above Peal the loud anthem of forgiving Love, To " Man forgiven " belongs a grateful strain, Which guiltless Seraphs may attempt in vain; No pardoning love awaits that spotless host,— He who is most forgiven, should love and praise

SKETCHES OF SOCIETY.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL.

"The brave poor soldier no'er despise, Nor treat him as a stranger, For still he 'll prove his country's stay In every hour of danger."

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- "FAITH, but your honour's mighty condescending to listen to the chathering of ould Pat. Fifty years have marched off under General Time since I first shoulder'd the firelock, and now I'm daily expecting the route (for my billet is nearly expired) to assemble for the grand review before the Sarcher of all hearts. Arrah, many's that time and oft I've wished for some kind friend that I might spake a word to, and unburthen my sinful heart. Oh, Sir, when I've stood sentry all alone by myself in the dark nights in Ameriky and Spain, and in dear little Ireland too, I've thought, Arrah, Paddy, but you're a big blackguard, so you are, for running away from your ould mother that's dead and gone, without so much as seeing her dacently laid under the turf. If she had been alive it would have broke her heart, so been alive it would have broke her heart, so it would, to think how her own beautiful Paddy should desart her in time of need, and Paddy should desart her in time of need, and not stop to see her waked. But bad maners to that same Sargeant Linstock—he laugh'd at poor Pat, and march'd us off without bate of drum, saying, she would never wake again; for I must be after telling you that there was a recruiting-party came down to the fair, and so they pick'd me out as the most likely lad on the sod; and indeed, your honour, there was 'ot many in those days, though I say it myself, that dared tread on my great coat, or call my stick a rascal. But they got me into a state of tostication, and they got me into a state of tostication, and chated me by slipping the King's countenance into my fob when I knew nothing about it at all at all; but they swore I had listed willingly, and had taken the picture myself.

Our friend the Old Sailor seems to have pre voked an Old Soldier to competition; if both uni-forms do not belong to the same person. We care not, and hope our readers will like both the blue and the red .- Ed.

Oh, by my conscience, didn't I get into a thundering rage, sure!—not that I minded sarving His Majesty, heaven bless the heart of his soul that's in t'other world! but I thought it wasn't trating me handsome, your honour, to trap me into it—'twas not behaving jonteel. But I found 'twas of no behaving jonteel. But I found 'twas of no use to complain, so I went to bid poor mother good bye, and she'd just breath enough left to tell me not to disgrace the country that gave me birth. 'Arrah, Paddy, (says she,) my own dare Paddy that I loved so tinderly, and used to get the hut—but—but—but—raw in the pra—pratees for!' Oh, Sir, 'tis a big shame to see a sondger cry; but when I think of the dare soul and the buther-with bare and the late. milk, how can I help it? 'Never dishonour your cloth, Paddy, (says she,) nor the King you serve, or the father that begot you, but show the world that the family of the O'Doghertys were born to be jontlemen. Fight in a just cause; and when the vanquish'd cry for quarter, unlock the heart and spare the hand. Protect the innocent, and do your duty like a man. Then there was poor Norali. Oh, your honour, I thought it would have broken my heart to see how the tears chased each other down her pale face! 'And why will you leave me, Paddy, (says she,) all alone by myself? Oh look at our cottage and the peat-stack—where will you find the like of it in another country, Paddy? Then there's the bit of a bog there yonder for the pigs and the geese, and your own dare Norah pigs and the greese, and your own dare Norah and the pratee-garden. Oh, why will you go, Paddy, and leave me alone by myself!' And then, your honour, I put my arms round her neck, (for I couldn't spake a word, and pressed and kissed her while we cried together. Oh, your honour, I niver felt before nor since as I did at that same moment! But then Mr. Sarjant must have his say -divel twist him to the right-about round the rim of the moon for a field-day !- God forgive me that I should have unchristian feelings tow rds even the vilest of his cratures. Come, come, young man, (says he,) fall into the ranks, and march; you'll soon find prettier girls to lead a wild-goose chase. Bad manners to him for that same, to make my own dare Norah believe that her Pat would iver cease to love her as his own heart's blood; so I up and tould him I didn't like to be made game of. 'Well, well, (says he,) I suppose an honest soudger may have a kiss will Paddy forget you—ah never!

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Your lovely green meadows all sparkling with dew of your thieving-hooks mon a digit of her corporal substance, faith but I'll brake my arm across your face, so I will." Well, your honour, and so he persisted in that same, and cotter's field of her grownd. Oh, 'twas more than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel;" and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel; and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel, and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel, and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel, and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel, and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel, and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, 'Lay there, chays' I, lowel, and so I green than jonteel blood could brook, and there in y ward the green than jonteel blood could brook in life, and there is a green than jonteel blood could brook in life, and there is a green than jonteel blood could brook in life, and jonteel blood could brook in that for a composition? Oh sure it's an in the pla Arrah, dress back to the rear, (says I,)

tinous rascal,' says the Sarjant.—"Rascal yourself, (says I,) Mr. Sarjant. Do you think his honour'd Majesty, God bless him! would refuse me one last embrace from the would refuse me one last embrace from the dare crature that I broke the bit o' gold with? Arrah be aisey, and paws off!" for they began to handle me again, your honour. 'Let the poor fellow alone, (said the Midship-mite of the boat)—let him alone to spake to the girl.'—" God bless you, young jontleman (says I) for that same! May your father niver have to sorrow over your mother's son And so poor Norah came to me, but I couldn't throw my arms round her neck now, your honour, for the bracelets they clapp'd upon my wrists; but she stoop'd down and got between them, and we were folded to each other's hearts. Oh, Sir, I feel it at this moment, and hearts. Oh, Sir, I feel it at this moment, and hope you won't think the worse of poor Pat for the drop in his eye. Well, we were obliged to part. 'Oh, (says she,) Paddy, niver, niver forget your country or your Norah!' and bad luck to me, your honour, if ever I did. And she waved her apron till I saw her out of sight, and then I could have laid down and died. 'Niver forget your country or your died. 'Niver lorget your country or your Norah,' were her last words, and they have iver been engraven on my heart, by the same token that Corporal Flannagan, who had received a 'varsity edecation, where he was brought up to run errands and clane shoes, composed the beautifullest song. Oh, your honour, it would do your heart good to hear it. Faith and it's here; I've got it along with the bit of broken gold and a lock of my own darling's hair, all black and shining. Oh they re a rich treasure to poor Pat! My hair was like it once, but now my head is silvered over with the snow of age; but my heart is as warm as iver, and melts with tenderness spite of the frost of adversity that has so often nipp'd it. Would your honour like to read that same, or shall I read it to you? Oh, I can repeat it by heart, for sure it's always laying next to it.

Dear land of my fathers! their glory and pride, Who fought for their homes, and in freedom's

cause died, The hallow'd green turf-mound marks each sacred And their spirits still cry, ' Let us ne'er be forgot ! Forget you? Ah never! while Shannon's stream flows,

And Liberty's tree on dear Erin's land grows To yield us shilalas to lather our foes,

Will Paddy forget you-ah never!

upon four, I was almost dish'd by the time we got to Jem-ake-he, where they make negurs of the poor blacks. We'll many years after this, the regiment was ordered to the River Plate, and so we landed in Maldo-nado Bay, and took the island of Goretta. Oh, your honour, it made my heart ache to see the poor souls lie bleeding on the ground, and to be obliged to stick my bayonet into the breast of a fellow-crature! But I thought of my ould mother's advice, sure-'Do your duty like a man.' After this we sailed up to Monte Video; and I shall never forget to remember that same, when we stormed the breach over a scaling ladder of dead bodies, that came tumbling down upon us as fast as we could get up. Bye and bye somebody fetches me the terriblest poke of the sconce! it made the light dance in my eyes like sparks from a sky-rocket; and who should it be but my ould friend Sargeant Linstock, sure, as dead as a red-herring, your honour: "Long life to you, jewel, (says 1,) for taking yourself out of the way so dacently!" but my heart smote me as soon as I had said it. Shame to you, Paddy, (thought I,) to rejoice in the downfall of any man; you don't know how soon it may be your own turn; and it struck me all of a heap, so I stood stock still. 'On, on, my brave fellows!' roared somebody in the rear, giving me a prick in the netherlands with a bayonet; it made me jump like a billy-goat, and so I rushed on, headed by our brave Captain, and we entered the town. Well, there was a comical fellow of the name of Taylor (he was a sailor commanding a little brig) advanced with us, having a bag of union-jacks over his shoulder to hoist upon the batteries. When we got into the great square, ould Elio, the Governor, stood ready to receive us; so we charged, and Taylor, running on, knock'd him down with the bag of jacks; and after that, oh 'twas all dickey with 'em. 'Arrah, Paddy, what booty have you got?' says Corporal Blacketer. "Sorrow the scurragh," says I. 'Och hone to your heart, look here!' says he; and so, your honour, he turns round upon his back, and puts his hand into his haversack, and pulls out a little silver image that I knew at first glance was St. Peter. "Oh you tief o' the world, (says I,) what, rob a church!"-' No, no, (says the Corporal,) I had him from an honest priest to redeem his corpus any-mule-hefrom danger. And see here (opening his cartouche-box, and showing another) and here (tapping his knapsack, that bulk'd ont)—see here, I 've got all the Saints in the

The veteran rose from his seat, gave his nothing but fury and revenge; and here again, and still more for the sake of the Drama, that though not to the same excess, the same ludithis state of things will not be suffered to last crows effect was produced. Now all this is longer. hand a military flourish to his hat, drew himself up to his extreme height, and march'd off, in ordinary time, to dinner. Being an old trooper myself, with all its prejudices and partialities, I have taken the liberty, Mr. Editor, to send you the above Sketch from life, knowing the satisfaction you find in contemplating a picture of originality. Should it be deem'd worthy of insertion in the Literary Gazette, it will be an inducement to send occasionally one or two from the same source. Believe me most respectfully vours. CORNELIUS BUFFSTICK.

DRAMEA.

DRURY LANE

AT this Theatre, Braham and Miss Stephens have repeated Henry Bertram and Lucy, and Orlando and Floretta. They have likewise performed Hawthorn and Rosetta, and all to crowded houses; and The Cataract, as the Manager tells us, overflows nightly.

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THE new Tragedy of The Vespers of Palermo, from which we made some copious extracts in our last Number, was performed at this Theatre on Friday week, and met, we regret to say, with an unfavourable reception from the public. The principal causes of its failure may be attributed to a want of interest in the development of the plot, and a want of pas-sion in the characters who are employed in carrying on the business of the Drama. In other respects it possesses many qualifications that entitle it to praise. The language is, generally speaking, of a very superior order and we could point out many passages that are by no means inferior to the best efforts of the most gifted poets of the age. But in a Thea-tre, poetry alone has little influence. A mixed audience will soon grow weary even of the happiest descriptions; and to be successful upon the Stage, the feelings must be aroused, the mind kept in continual agitation, and the eye gratified as frequently, or perhaps much more so than the ear:

Segnius irritant animos dimissa per aurem Quam quæ sunt occulis subjecta fidelibus." Many of the situations, however, were ex tremely good, particularly *Procida's* first meeting with his son—the assembly of the conspirators and the murder of *Eribert* at the marriage festival. The condemnation of Raimond, in the fourth act, was not so good: it was merely a scene of altercation between the father and the son; and the catastrophe was by far too bloody and destructive, two characters only, we believe, surviving at the falling of the curtain. But if such were its deficiencies as an acting Play, we must also observe that, as an acted Play, it had many disadvantages to contend against. Miss Kelly, who last year came out in Juliet with considerable promise, has carefully retained all the bad points in her style of arting, and discarded all the good ones. Her familiarity upon the present occasion overstepped all the boundaries of tragic declamation; she gave the most ludicrous turn possible to almost every line she had to utter; and by her absurdity completely marred many scenes that would have been otherwise extremely affecting. Her motto li-terally seems to be, "Be thou familiar, and by all means vulgar." Yates too, who should never appear out of broad farce, had a part assigned him of a nobleman, whose wife and children have been murdered by the Viceroy's orders, and who, in consequence, breathes the stage. We trust, for the sake of all parties,

very hard upon the poor authoress, and we do not see the necessity of the Play having been so cast. Of the other performers, it gives us pleasure to speak in terms of high commendation. Young took a vast deal of pains with his part, and played with considerable energy: his making himself known to his son in the first act was in his best manner, and his signing the death-warrant in the fourth equally powerful and effective. C. Kemble, though not quite so perfect as usual, gave neverthe-less a very able delineation of the youthful patriot, and expressed most happily the effects arising from the love of his country and the love of his fair mistress—the two passions that were alternately striving for the mastery over his young and ardent mind. Mrs. Bart-ley and Bennett were likewise quite at home in their respective parts, and evidently did their best. There was a tolerable Prologue, their best. There was a tolerable Prologue, which was well delivered by Abbott, but the Epilogue was a most miserable affair; and although the old theatrical inscription of "Veluti in speculum" was restored to the proscenium on purpose to form the subject of it, yet was it altogether so vapid and devoid of talent, that we should take it to be twin brother to that which followed the performance of Gracchus: the jests appeared to bear the same impress, and to be derived from the same source; the best of them was a bad pun about Procida and Prosody. Apropos of pro-sody,—if epilogue writers give ladies Latin phrases to speak, we think it would be as well to teach them the proper quantity of the words to each men the proper quantity of the work they have to deliver; that is, if they know it; if not, we will take the liberty of informing the sagacious writer, whoever he may be, that the n in Veluti is always short, and that one Virgil, a poet who lived in what is called the Augustan age of Roman literature, settled this matter in the following line:

" Ac veluti lentis Cyclopes fulmina massis." There has been a ravival of The Lord of the Manor at this House, but without any particular novelty in the cast; and we should not have noticed it, but to record the very kind and condescending behaviour of Miss Paton, who insisted upon singing one of her songs three times over, in spite of the sprained ancle with which she was afflicted, and the most earnest entreaties upon the part of the audience that she would spare herself the pain and exertion it must put her to, to give so many repetitions or it. This lady's obliging disposition we have before had occasion to remark; and however amiable and praiseworthy it may be, yet we really fear that if she goes on as she has lately done, that she will do herself some serious injury. Her voice, from being so continually exercised, may possibly (we dread the event)—may possibly one day lose some portion of its sweetness; and then what will become of all the lovers, noble and ignoble, whom her panegyrist described as persecuting her to death with their assiduities? Rosamond's Pond and the New River never would contain one half of them. We supplicate her, therefore, to he a little more attentive to her health, as more lives than her own depend upon the preservation of it.

The public will hear with much regret, that owing to some misunderstanding with the Management, the admirable comic talent of Mr. Munden has been kept several weeks off the stage. We trust, for the sake of all parties, of it. This lady's obliging disposition we have before had occasion to remark; and however amiable and praiseworthy it may be, yet we really fear that if she goes on as she has lately done, that she will do herself some serious injury. Her voice, from being so conthusly exercised, may possibly (we dread the event)—may possibly one day lose some portion of its sweetness; and then what will become of all the lovers, noble and ignoble, whom her panegyrist described as persecuting

this state of things will not be suffered to last

VARIETIES.

Another overland Expedition in North Ame rica, to be entrusted to the command of Captain Franklin, is spoken of.

The account of Mr. Bullock's travels and

discoveries in Mexico, will probably appear early in Spring, under the title of "Six Months in Mexico." At this epoch-it is espe-cially calculated to be a very popular work. M. Cailliaud's Travels in Nubia have been

honoured with a most flattering Report from the Commission appointed by the Minister of the Interior to inquire into the subject of his discoveries, &c. They will be published in three octavo volumes, with 140 plates.

La Bilancia, a new weekly periodical, devoted to the criticism of Theatrical Music, in

Italian and English, is announced to commence in January

There is announced for publication next month, a series of small highly-finished Engravings of Grecian Scenery, by H. W. Wil-liams, Esq. Edinburgh. The work is proposed to consist of six numbers, each number to con-

tain six prints, with descriptive letter-press.

Burns Illustrated.—On the 1st of January is announced a Print taken from the Tale of is announced a Print taken from the Tale of "Tam o' Shanter," being the first of a Series of Engravings from the Poems of Robert Burns, painted and engraved by J. Busrick, Mr. Fair has in the press a second edition of his treatise on Scrotula, explanatory of a method for its complete eradication, &c. Botany.—An Italian work, published at Naples, gives a catalogue of 3000 plants, chiefly exotic, cultivated at Boccadifalco, near Palermo. The author is about to print a Si-

Palermo. The author is about to print a Sicilian Flora.

A miner of Stafford, of the name of Lovat, A miner of Stafford, of the name of Lovat, has, it is stated, devised means for avoiding the danger of fire-damps in mines, by the introduction of currents of air, and their circulation by bellows worked by steam.

M. Wattens, professor of the Academy of Design at Lisle, and grand-nephew of the celebrated painter of the same name, died recently at that city much regretted by his

recently at that city, much regretted by his numerous pupils, and all friends to the arts. Jane Shore has been dramatized for the Pre-mier Theatre Français, by the author of Agamemnon.

Bon Mot.—A gentleman, in conversation, was railing at the present race of raffish Dandies rolling and swaggering about in their

A poem on Electricity, with other poems, is announced to us by a "J. Bannden."

Learning.—Learning, says the proverb truly, is a fine thing. In a published account of the presentation of a Vase to a Master retiring from St. Pául's School, the said silver Vase is d " an embodied token of respect and gra-

The Pantomime at Covent Garden is re-orted to be from Mother Bunch. At Drury ported to be from mother panent is to Lane, according to rumour, an attempt is to be made to introduce certain Dioramic effects into the scenery. Mr. Arnold, it is also said, is pursuing similar experiments, previous to opening the English Opera House.

List of works furthismed since our last:

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